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The 2018 Liberation Day Royal Court candidates receive their sashes during the pinning ceremony yesterday at the Saipan Mayor's Office.
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LibDay Royal Court bets introduced

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The 2018 Liberation Day Royal Court candidates were officially introduced to the public in a sash pinning ceremony yesterday at the Saipan Mayor's Office.

This year's Liberation Day candidates are Brinae Jessilyn Maratita Cruz, Lovely Joey B. Loyola, Connie B. Mendiola, Milagro Omar Palacio, and Taylor Chong Sablan.

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Govendo recuses self from suit vs CUC, govt

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Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo recused himself yesterday from handling a lawsuit filed by a landowner against the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and the CNMI government for allegedly putting up a water tank and fences on his land in Rafugao without compensating him.

Govendo granted CUC counsel James S. Sirok's motion to recuse himself from handling Conrad M. Sablan's case. Govendo will later issue a formal order related to his decision.

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By ERWIN ENCINARES
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Senate President Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan) believes the passage of S. 2325, which would extend the CNMI-Only Transitional Worker program as well as open up more foreign worker slots in fiscal year 2019, is a "welcome reprieve" for the CNMI.

In a letter to the U.S. House Speaker Paul D. Ryan (R-WI), Palacios urged the U.S. House of Representatives to pass U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski's (R-AK) S. 2325.

S. 2325 resets the CW cap for fiscal year 2019 to 13,000; gives long-time CW workers more time on their work permits; and extends the CNMI transitional period, along with programs under it such as the CW program and the E-2C investor program, to fiscal year 2029.

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Invasive rats removed from Palau island

Residents of Kayangel Atoll in the Pacific nation of Palau are looking forward to a healthier ecosystem and increased food production following an operation to remove damaging, introduced (invasive) rats from the island.

At-risk wildlife, including the endangered Micronesian scrubfowl (*Meciapodius laperouse*), Palau flying fox (*Pteropus pelewensis*), which is only found in Palau; and the critically endangered hawksbill sea turtle

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The Kayangel Atoll in the Pacific nation of Palau.
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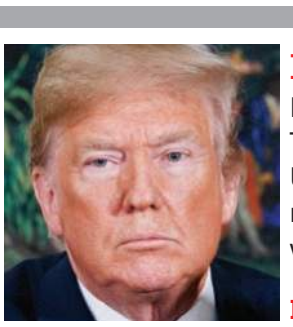

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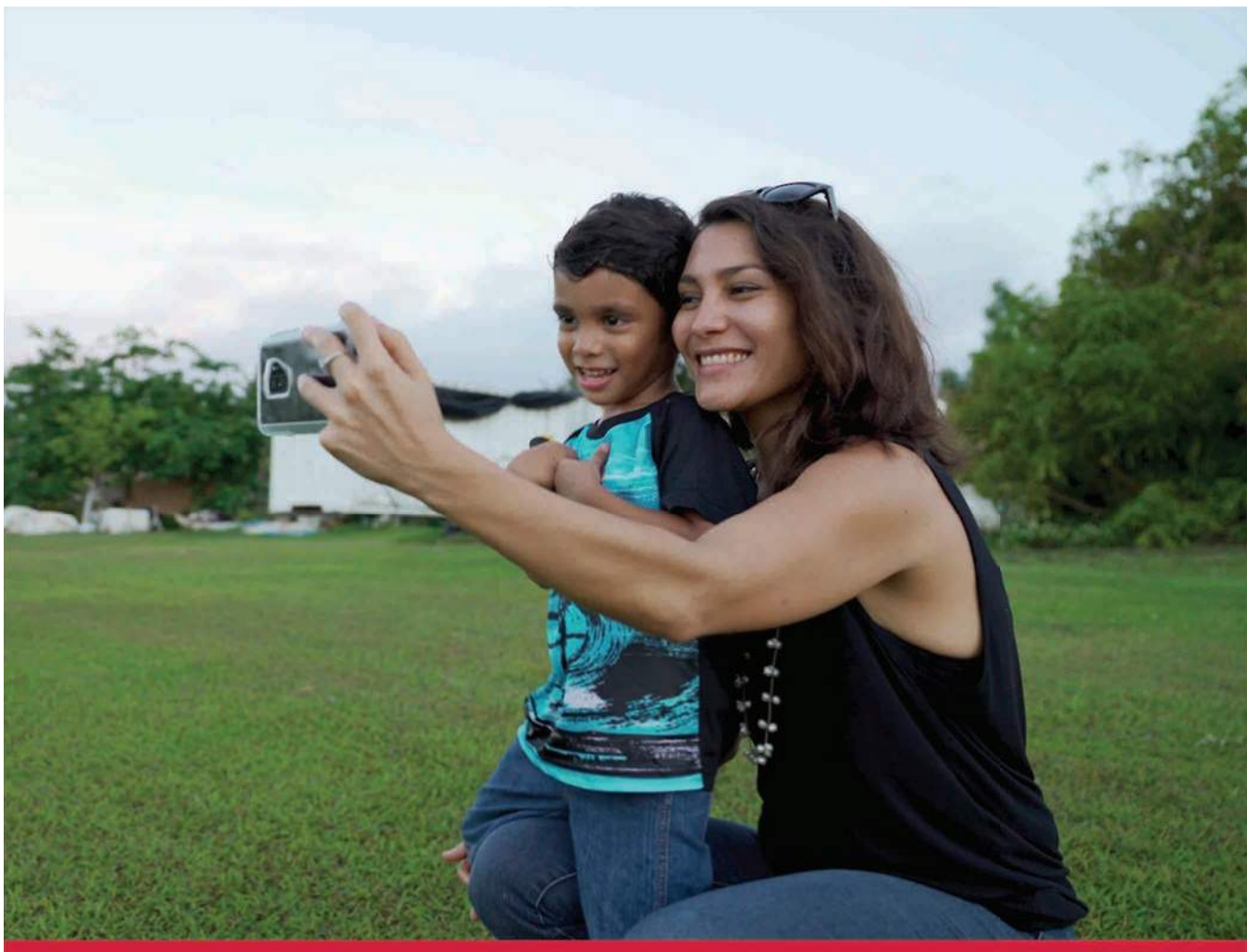
BEA CABRERA

From left, Commonwealth Cancer Association president Bo Palacios, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Lt. Gov. Victor Hocog, 2018 Marianas March Against Cancer co-chair Bobby Cruz and Hopwood Middle School student at the proclamation of May 9 to 12 as Marianas March Against Cancer Week held yesterday at the Hopwood Middle School stage in Chalan Piao.



May 9-12 is Marianas March Against Cancer Week

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres designated yesterday at Hopwood Middle School in Chalan Piao the week of May 9 to 12, 2018, as Marianas March Against Cancer Week.

The proclamation signing paves the way for the two-day 16th Annual Marianas March Against Cancer, which starts at 5pm of May 11 and lasts until 5am of May 12 at the Hopwood field.

Torres said he is thankful to the CNMI leadership and community for making the fight against cancer a priority.

"Each one of us…actually know someone dealing with cancer and what they need is more love, patience and our presence. To all the students here, in due time it is your leadership that will be up here and hopefully fighting a different cause because by then, we hope to have eradicated cancer in the CNMI," he said.

Inspired by MMAC's perpetual theme of "One community, one journey," 2018 MMAC committee co-chair Bobby Cruz said the reality is that cancer impacts everyone.

"In 2012, 14 million worldwide lost their love ones to cancer. Research tells us that that number is going to rise to 21 million by 2030. …There's a good chance that you or your friend is going to have deal with cancer. So this fight is our fight. What can we do when the year 2030 comes? We hope and pray that we don't have to deal with cancer in the CNMI," he added.

2018 MMAC committee co-chair Carline Sablan said the number of cancer patients in the CNMI continue to rise.

"In 2016, the number of clients served by the Commonwealth Cancer Association was 97 and a year later in 2017, that number rose to a 161. There was a 66-percent increase in just one year," Sablan said. "The rise from 97 to 161 are too high for a small community like ours. Even one is too high. I encourage everyone to take some time this week to reflect on this because it really is impacting our community."

Last year, MMAC raised a record amount of $200,000. This year, 20 teams and 18 team captains are leading the fundraising efforts and have garnered 34 sponsors to date.

According to sponsor chair Nola Hix, all teams do fundraising all year long.

"The good thing about it is, every year, we try to break the previous year's performance, like we had 18 teams last year and 20 teams for this year… There are sponsors who commit to help at the night of [event] for the following year and there's a lot of our loyal teams that participate every year."

"The sponsors donate whatever they can—whether it be just logistics…cash, or in-kind because every donation helps," she added.

Commonwealth Cancer Association president Bo Palacios gives thanks to the community for believing in their mission.

"The MMAC committee is committed to raise funds. …We spend it to help your loved ones in our fight against cancer…we are in charge of cancer education, advocacy, patient navigation and client services," he said.

"Given our funding levels, we are not able to offer actual money but we do help with nutrition assistance and other items when the cancer patient needs a wheelchair or bed and other incidentals."

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‘We paid most land compensations in history’

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres noted that no previous administration has paid more land compensation judgments as the current administration has in the history of the CNMI.

“[We] have paid the most land compensation payments in history. We have taken care of all the interest-bearing accounts. I know that we have paid all of our dues as much as we can. No administration has ever paid more land compensations than what we are paying today,” he told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Torres gave the statement in response to criticism from Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo, who noted the CNMI’s knack for taking land from residents and not compensating them for it.

In some cases, the CNMI “simply stalls for years, dragging its feet before paying it,” said Govendo.

A Torres administration statement said that the administration has made it a “financial priority” to address “longstanding obligations and judgments against the government.”

“Governor Torres has been cognizant of the fact that these financial liabilities are an injustice to the many landowners who waited years for what is rightfully owed them,” said the statement, noting that the administration reduced the CNMI’s deficit by more than $23 million within Torres’ first year in office—a 10-percent reduction overall.

“The last time payouts to claimants were made was Aug. 22, 2013, when a total of $171,931.72 was paid to eight private landowners. That reduction has since grown, with large and small judgments now being paid off and compensation given to claimants,” the statement added.

Citing a 2017 Government Accountability Office report on the public debt of U.S. territories, the CNMI has made a large dent on its $251.7-million public debt in fiscal year 2005, which now stands at $144.7 million in fiscal year 2015.

“In a span of 10 years, the CNMI has effectuated a decrease in its public debt of almost half—42.5 percent. This figure also doesn’t include the governor and the Legislature’s commitment to addressing several longstanding government obligations such as land compensation and settlements over the last two years, which amount to an additional decrease in the debt by about $50 million,” noted the administration statement.

“These numbers outline the CNMI’s economic growth in the past decade, particularly since 2015,” said the statement.

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2 witnesses called in trial of ex-Labor chief

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The CNMI government called two witnesses to the stand as the bench trial of former Labor secretary Edith Eleanor Deleon Guerrero on three traffic charges relating to alleged misuse of government vehicles started yesterday.

Assistant attorney general Jonathan Robert Glass Jr. called to the witness stand Procurement & Supply director Herman S. Sablan and Islanders Rent-A-Car accountant Efren Casamina.

When *Saipan Tribune* left the courtroom yesterday at 4pm, assistant public defender Heather Zona, counsel for Deleon Guerrero, was still cross-examining Casamina.

The trial will resume today, Thursday, at 10am in the U.S. District Court. Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho is presiding over the trial. The trial is being held in the District Court's courtroom because the CNMI Judiciary remains closed for public due to air-conditioning system and mold problems.

Sablan was the government's first witness in the bench trial of Deleon Guerrero.

At the trial, Sablan identified the documents shown by Glass as the 32 purchase requisitions that Deleon Guerrero as then-Labor secretary submitted for monthly car rentals at Islander Rent-A-Car December 2013 to August 2016.

Sablan also identified 33 other documents shown by Glass as the purchase orders that he all issued except one, pertaining to the purchase requisitions that Deleon Guerrero submitted to Procurement & Supply.

Sablan said it was not his signature in one purchase order as he was off-island at that time.

Sablan said each purchase order for each month of car rental covering December 2013 to August 2016 was worth $1,000, for a total amount of $32,000.

For purchase order below $1,000 but above $2,500, the requesting agency must have three quotations from vendors. For long-term leases, the agency must undergo a bidding process. For purchase orders below $2,500, the solicitation of vendors is not required.

During Zona's cross-examination, Sablan agreed that none of the purchase requisitions were for car lease. Sablan also agreed that none of the purchase requisitions and purchase order was for car rental for 60 days or more, and for 12 months or more.

In response to Camacho's questions, Sablan said there is no need for a quotation from vendors for purchase orders under $2,500.

Sablan said if it is over $2,500 but less than $10,000, three quotations are needed, but no bidding.

He said there is a need for bidding if the amount of the purchase order is more than $10,000.

Sablan said they used to put markings on government vehicles, but now the vendors or the government agencies put the markings.

Casamina said their company made monthly contracts each for $1,000 with the Workforce Investment Agency, through Deleon Guerrero, from December 2013 to October 2016.

Deleon Guerrero leased four cars in that period.

Casamina testified that he made a summary of invoices pertaining to Deleon Guerrero's monthly contracts at the request of the Office of the Public Auditor.

Casamina said Deleon Guerrero rented cars monthly while other government agencies would rent for only one or two months.

Assistant attorney general Jonathan Wilberscheid is assisting Glass during the trial. Assistant public defender Nancy Dominski is assisting Zona for the defense.

Deleon Guerrero is on bench trial for three infractions—no tinting on a government vehicle, requiring that government vehicles be marked on their front doors, and requiring government vehicles to bear government license plates.

According to the charges, on Dec. 8, 2013 to Oct. 11, 2016, Deleon Guerrero, as Labor secretary, used a government motor vehicle that had tinting on its windows, that was not clearly marked as a government vehicle, and did not bear government license plates.

RATS

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(*Eretmochelys imbricate*), is also expected to benefit.

The project was completed over March and April 2018 by a partnership consisting of the Kayangel community, Palau Conservation Society, the Kayangel state government, BirdLife International, and Island Conservation, with support from the Kayangel Protected Area Network State rangers and other Palauan states. The outcome of this conservation intervention will be confirmed in 2019.

Heather Ketebengang from Palau Conservation Society said, "Palauans have long shared the land and waters with native plants and wildlife. Invasive rats disrupted this natural balance. Hopes are high for the future of Kayangel."

Kayangel is just one of the several hundred islands that make up the nation of Palau, but one of the country's only two atolls. The island is home to about 60 people and supports a wealth of birds, reptiles, and marine life.

Residents of Kayangel encountered a serious problem after a shipwreck in the late 1980's. Introduced rats began to proliferate at an alarming rate, causing severe damage to important crops, including corn, taro, and coconut, by consuming or spoiling them before they could be harvested. A major storm in 2014 exacerbated these impacts. Rats also contaminated water supplies, increasing the threat of waterborne rodent-related diseases.

Ungilreng Takawo, Kayangel island's matriarch, said, "The presence of rats on the island caused many challenges for agriculture. The rats damaged our crops such as bananas, sweet potatoes, and corn. We welcome this project, and if successful, it will allow the local people to grow the crops they wish to grow."

Undertaking the removal of invasive rats was a mammoth effort requiring the team to establish more than 45 kilometers of trails across which bait was spread. It is critical that bait is available to every invasive rat on the island for the project to be successful. The team also worked closely with the Kayangel community to eliminate alternative food sources for invasive rats.

Steve Cranwell, Pacific program manager at BirdLife International said, "Given this investment, we are optimistic that Kayangel will once again be rat free and will remain so, restoring harmony between the natural environment, livelihoods, and cultural identity on the island."

Kayangel Island is a stronghold for the endangered, ground-nesting Micronesian scrubfowl (also known as Micronesian megapode). These incredible birds are superprecocial, meaning they hatch from their eggs in a mature state and can run and fly on the same day they enter the world. This threatened bird is found only in Palau and the Northern Mariana Islands. On Kayangel, invasive rats are a primary threat to the scrubfowl. They prey on scrubfowl eggs and chicks and compete for resources. The eggs and young of the critically endangered hawksbill turtle and the endangered green sea turtles that nest on Kayangel's beaches are also vulnerable.

Tommy Hall, project manager at Island Conservation, said, "It has been a privilege to work closely with the Kayangel community on this project. In the absence of invasive rats, native plants and animals will be able to naturally recover. We look forward to seeing the recovery of native species that have been struggling under the impacts of invasive rats. The Micronesian scrubfowl will once again have a chance to thrive."

In 2012, Palau Conservation Society and BirdLife International successfully removed invasive rats from three nearby, uninhabited islets. Today, these islets are now teeming with wildlife and provide a glimpse of what Kayangel might become.

For an island that is at risk of tropical storms and already seeing the repercussions of climate change, every effort to improve food security and support ecological integrity is critically important. Kayangel has a narrow margin of error; the community members operate in a delicate balance with nature and cannot afford to lose resources to invasive species. To support continued ecological health and thriving livelihoods, this project developed capacity for future island restoration and biosecurity work in Palau.

Funding for this work was provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Coastal Conservation Fund, Island Conservation, T/Gear Trust, and BirdLife International. ***(PR)***

LIBDAY

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The pageant is a fundraising event for the Liberation Day festivities. The candidates will be required to sell tickets. The one who raises the most amount is crowned the Liberation Day queen.

Cruz, 14, resides in San Antonio. She is currently in the 8th grade and attends Francisco Mendiola Sablan Middle School. She joined the Liberation Day pageant to gain experience and meet new people. She also hopes to encourage other young women to join the pageant in the years to come.

"Life has just begun for me and I want to take every opportunity to expose myself before my chances are over, making every second count during my teen years," she said.

Loyola is 15 years old and lives in the village of Chalan Kiya. She is currently a freshman at Marianas High School. Loyala chose to join the pageant so she could break out of her shell and be more social.

Mendiola is 14 years old and lives in the village of Dandan. She attends Saipan Southern High School and she is currently in the 9th grade. According to Mendiola, her reasons for participating is to get involved with the community, gain experience as a public figure, and boost her self-confidence.

Palacio is 14 years old and lives in Susupe. She currently attends Marianas High School where she is a freshman. Palacio's motivation to join was her friends and family. "People were talking about it. My friends and family urged me to join this year's royal court," she said.

Sablan is the eldest of the group. She is 17 years old and currently lives in the village of I-Denni. Sablan attends school at Kagman High School and is in the 11th grade. Sablan seeks to become closer to the CNMI community. "This pageant will open more doors for me to get involved, give back, and meet new people," she said.

The official Liberation Day coronation night is still to be announced.

CW

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The slated date of termination for the CW program is this December 2019.

"The NMI Senate strongly supports the passage of S. 2325, which is critical legislation to ensure the economic stability, promote economic growth, and more importantly to protect the public health and welfare of the people of the CNMI," Palacios told Ryan, noting that the CNMI Senate adopted Senate Resolution 20-21 unanimously during a previous Senate session in support of S. 2325.

Recognizing that Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan's (Ind-Saipan) H.R. 4869—a U.S. House version of S. 2325—is still at the committee level, Palacios urges the U.S. House to act on S. 2325 instead as that bill has already passed the U.S. Senate.

"…I humbly beseech the House of Representatives to pass S. 2325, which was already passed by the U.S. Senate on April 23, 2018," Palacios wrote.

"The…U.S. Workforce Act (S. 2325) is a welcome reprieve for all the employers and employees, as well as the government of our beautiful islands," added Palacios, noting that the CW cap of 4,999 for fiscal year 2019 would cause businesses to shut down by Sept. 30, 2017, if they not able to hire the necessary workers for their operations.

"The CNMI economy will plummet and the CNMI government may go bankrupt if we lose a majority of our businesses. The passage of S. 2325 is a matter of critical concern for everyone in the CNMI," he said.

GOVENDO

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With Govendo's recusal, the scheduled bench trial yesterday in Sablan's lawsuit did not push through. The case will be transferred to Superior Court Presiding Judge Roberto C. Naraja, who will designate a new judge for the case.

The original schedule for the trial was last Monday, but Govendo moved it to yesterday after a bank filed a motion to intervene in the case.

The bank, through counsel Mark Scoggins, informed the court yesterday that it is withdrawing its motion.

In response to *Saipan Tribune*'s inquiry, Sirok said he made the request for Govendo's self-recusal during a closed hearing yesterday morning.

Sirok made the request based on the statements that Govendo made in his order denying the CNMI government's motion for summary judgment, which was reported in local newspapers.

Sirok also pointed out that Govendo is personally involved in a billing dispute with CUC, which is ongoing.

Saipan Tribune learned that Govendo's wife disputed CUC's water billing for their house.

The judge recused himself on the grounds of his wife's water billing dispute and not because of his statements in the summary judgment matter.

Saipan Tribune published yesterday Govendo's statement in the summary judgment issue, in which he stated that CUC's "careless disregard" for landowners' rights is "shocking and offends the rights of Northern Marianas people."

Govendo stated that the CNMI has made a habit of taking land from people and attempting to refuse to pay these people just compensation.

In some areas, the judge said, the CNMI "simply stalls for years, dragging its feet before paying it."

Sablan, through counsel Brien Sers Nicholas, is suing CUC for trespassing and against CUC and the CNMI for taking his property without just compensation.

Sablan found out in 2013 that CUC had built a water tank, the Maui IV Water Tank, on his land. The tank was built in March 1992.

Sablan further discovered that CUC also built wire fences that prevent him from being able to access his other property in the same area.

JON PEREZ

The 17 individuals that completed the culinary arts program of the Northern Marianas Trades Institute pose for photographers in Tuesday night's appreciation dinner at the campus grounds.

NMTI adds 30 to NMI pool of culinary arts talents

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The Northern Marianas Trades Institute's culinary arts program added 30 more to the pool of on-island talents yesterday, graduating 13 from the morning class and 17 that took the night schedule.

Pauling

NMTI's head of the program, Hyatt Regency Saipan food and beverage director Ty Pauling, said the class began in late January 2018 and met four hours a day and two days a week. He said the program is a 33-day or 16-week course where they train people who would eventually get into the local workforce, especially in the kitchens of hotels and restaurants in the CNMI.

He said that Tuesday night's event was meant to showcase the skills "that our chefs have obtained while they've been with us. We've compressed a lot in a short amount of time. The goal of the program is to get people in jobs in our workforce."

That included knife skills, plating and presentation, and flavor profiles. "We also focused in deconstructing fish and other seafood like shellfish, protein such as chicken, pork and beef, and making stock from bones," said Pauling.

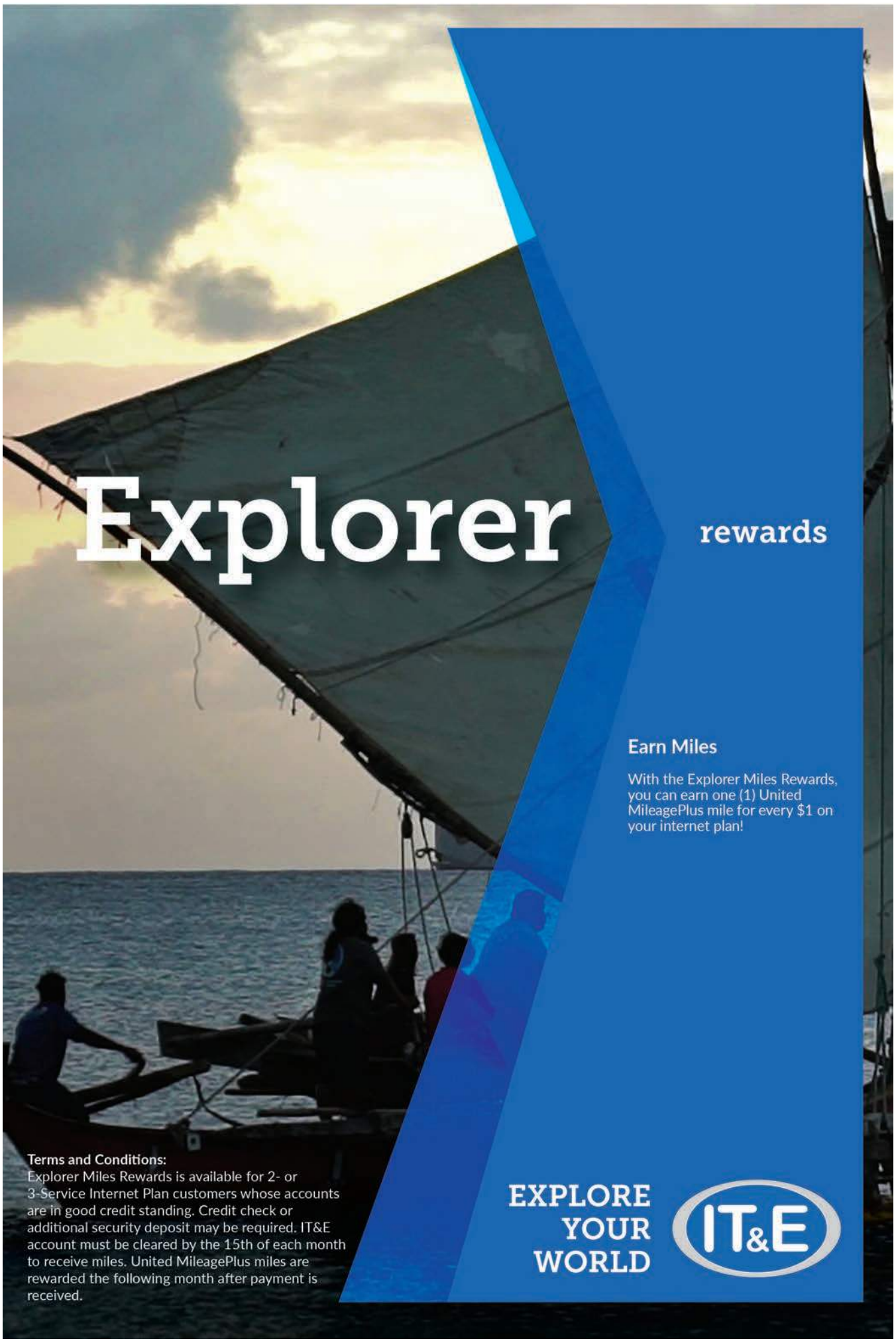
He said these skills are the ones that those who completed the program would use within the industry.

"We worked a lot on knife skills. A lot of time was spent in knife skills, something that I find to be essential in the culinary arts." Pauling added that cooking, aside from plating and presentation, is the reason behind learning the basic knife skills. "It is important to learn that size matters and consistency matters." Pauling said that they also updated the culinary arts program to better prepare the students. "We updated our syllabus and course material with the latest published books. We also digitized a lot to make it easier for the students."

He said the culinary arts program began in 2015 and already has some graduates working as chefs or kitchen staff in restaurants on the island.

Pauling said one of their graduates started working at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan in 2017 and, in a span of one year, was promoted to *teppanyaki* chef based on the skills that she learned at NMTI and her own determination to improve.

"We began NMTI's culinary arts program in 2015. Since then, we developed and expanded it to cover a lot more of the course material that is necessary to get into jobs within our industry," said Pauling.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The 4-H Program, together with Northern Marianas College CREES family, community, and youth development program, recently received a donation from Atkins Kroll as part of that company's outreach and community support efforts. Fom left, Lorenza Aldan, NMC CREES, community and youth development extension aide II; Margaret Tudela, NMC CREES family, community and youth development program manager; Rian Sonoda, 4-H Marianas secretary of business; Alyssa Attao,4-H Marianas vice president; Maya Pangelinan, 4-H Marianas president; Glen Perez, Atkins Kroll sales manager; and Frankie Eliptico, interim VP, Northern Marianas College.

Power interruptions on Saturday, Monday

There will be three scheduled power interruptions this Saturday, May 12, and one on Monday, May 14.

On Saturday, the first is what's called sectionalized outage from 5am to 10am, affecting Chalan Pale Arnold Road in China Town. No water well or wastewater lift station will be affected. Two power poles will be replaced.

The next is a lateral power outage from 7am to 12pm, affecting Kopa Di Oru Street in Garapan. No water well or wastewater lift station will be affected. Four power poles will be replaced. Kopa Di Oru St. will be closed at this time.

The third power outage is from 2pm to 6pm, affecting the Ladera Center Building on Beach Road in Oleai. No water well or wastewater lift station will be affected. One power pole will be replaced.

On Monday, there will be a power outage from 7am to 1pm, affecting Alaihai Avenue in Garapan. No water well or wastewater lift station will be affected. Six power poles will be replaced. Alahai Avenue will be closed at this time.

The purpose of the power interruptions is to de-energize primary lines to allow the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and its contractor, Primary Source Electric, to safely replace 13 wooden poles with concrete poles in China Town and in Garapan. The project tasks are part of an ongoing hazard mitigation project that entails the replacement of 787 wooden poles with concrete poles throughout Saipan.

Primary Source Electric was contracted by CUC to replace a total of 374 wooden poles with concrete poles.

Future public advisories indicating the date, time, and location of impending power interruptions will be made accordingly for public notification.

Because of the scale of work that will be performed, CUC asks travelers to take alternate routes or to exercise caution when driving through the affected areas.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/). ***(PR)***

MMAC prep begins

The Saipan Mayor's Office has officially started prepariing the Admiral Herbert G. Hopwood Middle School grounds for the 2018 Marianas March Against Cancer this weekend.

According to Saipan Mayor David Apatang, his crew started as early as Monday clearing out the field for this Friday's event.

On Tuesday, Apatang's crew set up the electric panels for all the electricity needed for the event. The stage area was also under construction.

The Marianas March Against Cancer will last from 6pm Friday evening and will go on until 6am Saturday morning. For questions regarding the event, call the CCA office at 682-0050. ***(Kimberly A. Bautista)***

(AMENDED)
Commonwealth Zoning Board Meeting Agenda

Thursday, May 17, 2018
5:00 PM, Governor Pedro P. Tenorio Multipurpose Center, Susupe
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A. Preliminary Matters
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of 04/19/2018 meeting minutes
5. Public Comments (not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings)

B. Public Hearings:
1. **Conditional Use Application #2018-1010:** Saipan Brewing Co., LLC is proposing to occupy an existing one-storey structure for a home-based small scale brewing of alcohol beverages. This use is classified as "Cottage Industry" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot No. 1463 NEW-1 in Navy Hill. This area is zoned as Rural.
2. **Conditional Use Application #2018-1165:** Art Ridge Village Homes, LLC is proposing to construct a 7-storey structure to operate an apartment with a total of 48 3-bedroom units. This project is classified as "Multifamily or Apartment" and is permitted in the district as Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot Nos. 1925-1, 1925-2, 1925-3-1, & 1925-5-R1 (current Triple J Motors location) in Garapan. This area is zoned as Beach Road.
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C. Communication
D. Old Business:
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   i. **Rezone Application #2018-0706:** Marianas General Clinic dba Marianas Specialty Referral Hospital/Pacific Fertility Institute (Rezone)
   ii. **Conditional Use Application #2018-0748:** Share View Travel Corporation (Bed & Breakfast)
2. All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) – "Amusement, Outdoor": Administrator's recommendation & Board decision

E. New Business
1. Operations Reports (Permitting & Enforcement)

F. Executive (Closed) Session
G. Miscellaneous
a. Other Matters
b. Announcements
c. Next Meeting

H. Adjourn

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/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Zoning Board Chairman

MARIANAS VISITORS AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
MVA-RFP-18-2012

For: Local Public Relations and Media Services

Submission /Closing Date: **May 15, 2018**
Time: **3:00 p.m.**

Submit sealed proposals to:
Marianas Visitors Authority
Procurement Office
San Jose Professional Building
Beach Rd., San Jose
P.O. Box 500861
Saipan, MP 96950

Interested parties may pick up the Scope of Work on or after **April 16, 2018**, at the **Marianas Visitors Authority Office, San Jose Professional Building, Beach Road, San Jose, Saipan**, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Proposals submitted from individuals outside the Commonwealth must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or certified courier services by **May 15, 2018** and must be received within seven (7) working days of that date. Proposers from outside the Commonwealth must notify the MVA/ Mr. David B. Muna in writing of their intent to submit a proposal in order to receive the additional seven (7) days for the receipt of the actual Proposal Documents. Participants outside the **Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands** must submit a **Notice of Intent** by any mode of written communication including facsimile at+1-670-664-3237 or email to dmuna@mymarianas.com, and must be received by 5 p.m. Chamorro Standard Time on **May 15, 2018**.

All questions regarding this RFP must be sent to Mr. David B. Muna at dmuna@mymarianas.com or faxed to +1-670-664-3237, **no later than 5 p.m. Chamorro Standard Time on April 30, 2018.**

/s/ Gloria C. Cavanagh
Chairperson, Board of Directors

/s/ Christopher A. Concepcion
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANGELINA BORJA PEREDO aka ANGELINA P. RIOS, Deceased.) CIVIL ACTION NO.: 26-0252) NOTICE OF HEARING Date: May 17, 2019 Time: 9:00 am Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho

TO ANNIE R. TOKOYO AND MELINDA T. HOSSAIAN: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Administratrix Daisy Ramirez has filed a Request for Evidentiary Hearing to Determine Title. The Hearing on the Motion is scheduled to be heard on the date and time set forth above at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands. All interested persons or entitles should appear at this hearing.

Dated this 16th day of April, 2018 .

/s/ Clerk of Court
Deputy Clerk of Court

ELIZABETH C. MANALANG
P.O. BOX 7862 SVRB SAIPAN, MP 96950
670-235-2384 / 989-5217

Pro Se

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

ELIZABETH C. MANALANG Petitioner, vs. THOMAS C. ETRATA Respondent,) FCD-PA CIVIL ACTION NO. 18-0136) **SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION**

TO THE ABOVE NAME RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is P.O. Box 7862 SVRB Saipan, MP 96950 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 500307 Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgement by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 16th day of April, 2018.

/s/
Clerk of Court

Committee rejects IT&E extension contract

By ERWIN ENCINARES
erwin_encinares@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

The House Committee on Natural Resources rejected Tuesday a proposal to extend for 15 years the lease agreement of a telecommunications company on three properties.

The Natural Resources Committee chaired by Rep. Alice Igitol (R-Saipan) voted 5-1 to reject the proposed extension contract of Pacific Telecom Inc., which does business as IT&E, for public lands in Garapan, As Gonno, and Chacha.

IT&E hired a third-party appraiser for the lands and it came out with its own report on April 24, 2018. IT&E then submitted the same appraisal report to the Legislature.

The contract IT&E previously proposed did not include the results of the third-party appraisal, whose appraisal was a lot higher than the appraisal report in 2015, upon which the IT&E contract is based on.

"The new appraisal… [should] be included in the extension contract," said Igitol in an interview just after rejecting the extension contract.

"We are going to go back and renegotiate so that the new appraisal would be included."

According to documents shared with *Saipan Tribune*, the appraisal report posed significant increases in land value compared to figures in 2015.

The Chacha lot appraisal saw a $62,000-increase from $75,000, and was appraised at $137,000 in 2018. The As Gonno lot saw a $57,000-increase from the 2016 appraisal of $105,000, appraised at $162,000 in 2018, while the Garapan lot saw a $22,000-increase over a 2015 appraisal of $184,000, this time appraised at $206,000 in 2018.

Igitol said negotiations for extension of public land lease with IT&E should now use the 2018 third-party appraisal report.

"It is an increase in lease rental," said Igitol, noting a report of the Legislature's fiscal analyst indicating at least 43-percent increase and up to 85-percent increase on lease rental compared to the Department of Public Lands and IT&E proposal for extension.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Normal hours resume at Settlement Fund office

The NMI Settlement Fund office was temporarily closed on May 8 due to a mechanical incident requiring temporary closure. Normal operations resumed yesterday, May 9, at 8am to 5pm. For more information, contact administrator Lillian M. Pangelinan at pangelinanlm@nmisf.com. ***(PR)***

BECQ closed today and Friday

The Bureau of Environmental & Coastal Quality will be closed today, May 10, and tomorrow, May 11, 2018 for a professional development workshop. As such, payments can be made at the CNMI Treasury Office or the CNMI Supreme Court. Regular office hours will resume back on Monday, May 14, 2018. ***(PR)***

CAO community report meetings set

The Carolinian Affairs Office is holding a community report meeting today, May 10, at the Talabwogh Youth Center, and on May 16 at the Kagman Youth Center. The CAO is asking members of the Refaluwasch community to attend one of the meetings. Contact the CAO at (670) 234-6385 with any questions or concerns about the meetings. ***(PR)***

Meeting for farmers/producers

There will be a farmers/producers meeting on May 15, at 9am at the Kagman Agriculture Station to discuss the upcoming 31st Agriculture Fair. All farmers and producers who wish to participate in the fair must register their names and plants/animals to display. Also, farmers will be asked to select amongst themselves who will participate in the Agriculture Fair Committee. They will be selecting officers for president, vice president, and secretary/treasurer. ***(PR)***

Reunion meeting for MHS Class of '88

All graduates of MHS Class of '88 will be having their final meeting on May 14, 2018, to discuss their 30th year class reunion for June 29, 2018. Meeting location will be at Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Cepeda's residence in As Lito at 6:30pm. If you have any questions, you may contact Eleanor Cepeda through MHS Class of 88 WhatsApp group. ***(PR)***

Nominees sought for MINA's Green Awards

The Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance is seeking nominations for this year's Green Award for presentation at the annual Green Gala event slated for Sept. 14, 2018. The deadline for submission of nominees is June 1, 2018. Awards are given in the following categories, and nominations will be accepted from Saipan, Tinian, and Rota: Environmental Champion Award, Environmental Heroes Award, Green Business of the Year. Submit nominations to rguerrero.mina@gmail.com. For additional information, call 233-7333. ***(PR)***

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- Recommendation, preferably from a prior instructor, advisor, dean, or principal
- Legally authorized to work in the CNMI
- Computer experience using Microsoft applications

Some positions may also require a valid driver's license.

To apply, students must complete an IT&E application and submit it, along with the other required documents noted above, to the IT&E Human Resource office, located at the IT&E Susupe Headquarters no later than Thursday, May 24, 2018. **All inquiries must be made by the student and not the parent at 234-6600.**

If you are interested in a particular field, please be sure to indicate it on your application. This program will run from June 11 to August 10, 2018.

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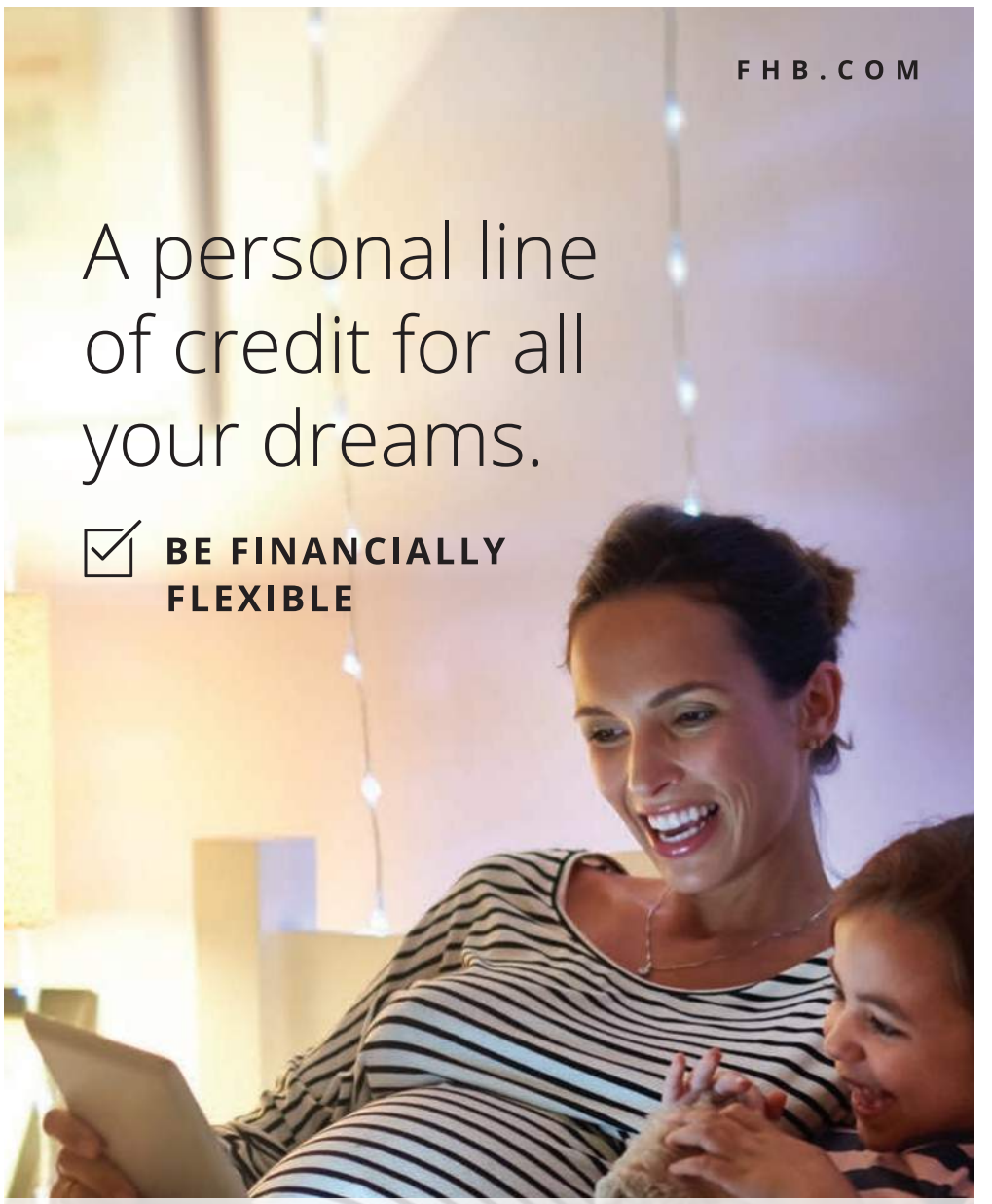

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Kilili: Vets Committee OKs Marianas clinic study—again

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The House Veterans' Affairs Committee approved yesterday a feasibility study for a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs medical clinic in the Marianas.

The Marianas is the only U.S. insular area without full-time VA medical or mental health professionals serving veterans.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (ind-MP) authored the language, mandating a study be completed within 180 days, and included it in a larger bill, H.R. 5674, amended and passed by a vote of 20-2.

"My thanks to [committee chair] Phil Roe and ranking member Tim Walz and all the members of the committee for supporting my goal of building a VA medical clinic in the Marianas," Sablan said. "This feasibility study is a necessary step I have been working on for some time."

In addition to the Marianas clinic study, Sablan's language (Section 213 of the bill) requires the Veterans Administration to report to Congress on the overall level of services the department provides to veterans living in all the Pacific insular areas: American Samoa and Guam, as well as the Marianas.

Sablan

The VA must assess its capacities in four key areas: hospital care, medical, mental health, and geriatric services.

Sablan first introduced his report language as an amendment to H.R. 4243, the VA Asset and Infrastructure Review Act of 2017. Later, at Sablan's request, his colleague, Resident Commissioner Jenniffer Gonzalez-Colon (R-Puerto Rico) offered the language as an amendment to H.R. 4242, the VA Care in the Community Act, which the Veterans' Affairs Committee has also approved.

"Persistence—and, sometimes, setting multiple bills in motion," Sablan said, "can make the difference between failure and success.

"The study mandated in H.R. 5674 will provide the committee with the information necessary to better understand the challenges of delivering care to veterans in the Marianas and other Pacific insular areas.

"With that understanding, Congress will be able to dictate the personnel and funding resources the VA needs to provide the quality care that veterans were promised, and have earned, on the islands they call home," said Sablan.

H.R. 5674 includes a wide range of veterans' policies. It provides an additional year of funding for the Choice program, which allows veterans in the Marianas or other remote areas to get medical services from private providers. It establishes a commission to make recommendations regarding the modernization or realignment of VA health facilities. And the bill expands the post-9/11 caregivers program to include pre-9/11 veterans over time. ***(PR)***

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Daycare providers complete NMC training

The Northern Marianas College's Community Development Institute recently presented certificates of completion to a total of 18 daycare center providers who successfully completed the "Developmentally Appropriate Practices" Methods Training.

The training was facilitated by CDI and the Department of Community & Cultural Affairs—Child Care Development Fund.

Under the Developmentally Appropriate Practices Methods Training, 18 daycare providers received 21 hours of training that taught best practices in child care development. The intensive training focused on teaching participants how to understand the concept and application of a child-centered, play-based classroom; evaluate how the DAP approach enhances a child's development; create role-play activities that teachers can do to help children in physical, cognitive, language, and social-emotional developmental skills; create DAP lessons and environments for infant and toddlers, and identify ways to assess children's developmental level.

"We are glad to partner with DCCA and Secretary Robert Hunter to provide training activities that expand the capacity of our child care providers," said NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez.

The training was funded by CCDF, which is a federally funded program whose ongoing quality child care initiative is to support CCDF providers, teachers, and caregivers to increase their knowledge and skills in the care of young children. By supporting the professional development of these individuals, improved outcomes for young children are realized. NMC's Community Development Institute is a program that offers specialized courses and customized trainings in order to meet both the professional development and personal enrichment needs of the community.

For more information about NMC's Community Development Institute, contact the CDI office 237-6802/05/10 or email the CDI program manager Les Ogumoro-Uludong at les.ogumoro@marianas.edu. *(NMC)*

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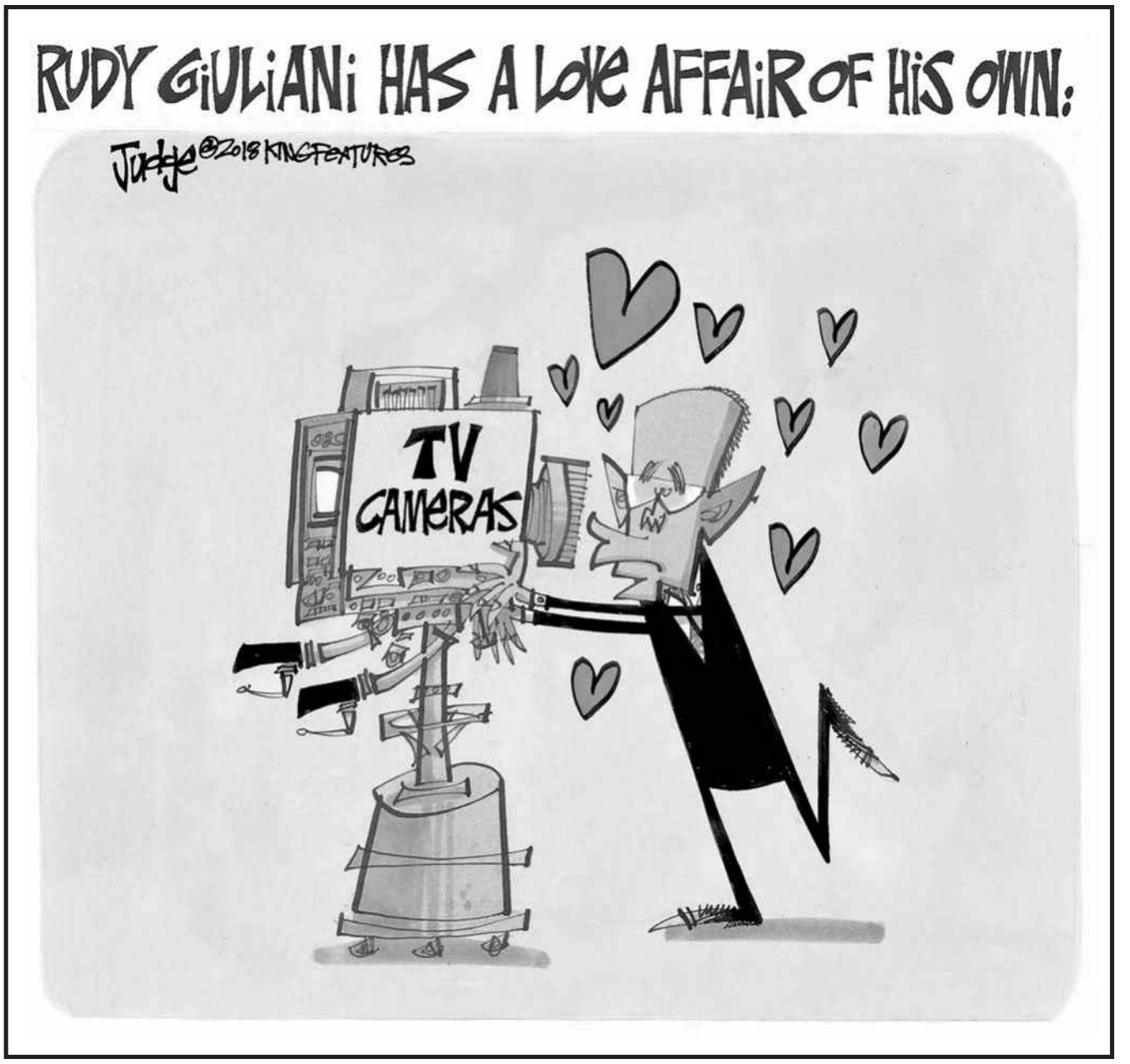

EDITORIAL

Trump's two nuclear crises

On Tuesday, President Donald Trump added Iran to his very short list (two names) of major nuclear crises that demand immediate and relentless focus. He defied European allies and made good on long-telegraphed threats to withdraw the U.S. from the 2015 Iran nuclear deal.

The president didn't mince words. "It is clear to me that we cannot prevent an Iranian nuclear bomb under the decaying and rotten structure of the current agreement," he said. "The Iran deal is defective at its core." Trump says the U.S. will now begin reinstating stifling sanctions on Iran's still-staggering economy.

We supported the deal as negotiated. But our endorsement was reluctant, essentially for the reasons Trump now cites. We share his goal of perpetually denying Iran the ability to build nuclear weapons and launch an attack. But at each suggestion of nixing the deal, we've asked the question now resonating in capitals worldwide: What happens if Iran is freed to pursue nukes?

Trump's high-stakes gamble to break with allies and reimpose sanctions could be the first major step to a renegotiated pact with Tehran that will satisfy his demands: to rein in Iran's ballistic missile program, eliminate sunset clauses in the pact, and expand inspections of Iranian military sites.

Or scuttling the deal could unleash Iran's drive to build a nuclear weapon and trigger a military conflict.

Or ... something in between.

Much depends on how Western companies doing business with Iran react, how Russia and China attempt to exploit this crisis (and they will), and whether European countries grudgingly go along with Trump.

Early indications Tuesday: European governments, some of them sensitive to losing business opportunities, won't go along. President Emmanuel Macron of France, Prime Minister Theresa May of Britain and Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany called the U.S. pullout a matter of "regret and concern." They said they remain committed to the accord and urged Iran to do the same.

Remember, Iran's economy is a basket case, so the Tehran government has incentives to placate the West by keeping its nuke program muted. In January, protesters surged and seethed in street protests over prices—and the fumbling leadership of Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. In the coming weeks, Iran's leaders may elect to bluster angrily, blame the Great Satan, but not actually do much.

There's plenty of diplomatic drama to come. But the context here—the stability of the world in the age of devastating weaponry—is more bracing than the endless push and pull of geopolitics.

For more than six decades, the U.S. and its allies have sought to halt the spread of nuclear weapons. In 1953, President Dwight Eisenhower promoted the paradoxical "Atoms for Peace" initiative: Give countries nuclear know-how for energy purposes to stop them from developing nuclear weapons. It didn't work as well as the U.S. hoped. Peaceful nuclear expertise spread but so did weapons knowledge—

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Making room for a mom-friendly invention

By JENNIFER HUDDLESTON SKEES and ANDREA O'SULLIVAN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

In honor of Mother's Day, Salary.com's "Mom Salary Survey" lets families tally up all of the unpaid "jobs" that mothers lovingly undertake sans compensation. The list ranges from "tailor" to "coach" and even "recreational therapist." One of the largest and most important tasks is to drive the kids around. But if we're lucky, we may soon be able to scratch that one off of the list.

What if, instead of giving dear old mom floral arrangements or spa gift certificates, we gave her the ultimate maternal dream gift: An automated and super-safe child courier service in the form of driverless cars?

According to a 2017 survey, most parents spend more than five hours a week driving their children to and from school or activities. In fact, more than 1 in 10 parents spend more than 10 hours a week carting their kids around. That's a lot of man (or woman) hours!

Now, parents may enjoy spending time in the car with their children. But that doesn't mean that many don't also find it highly stressful and inconvenient. This is why autonomous vehicles could be a godsend to harried soccer moms, who will no longer need to shuttle their children to all those practices and playdates.

And those parents who simply enjoy that transportational quality time? They would be freed up from the wheel and able to more meaningfully interact with their brood as they all cruise the roads together as passengers.

At this point you may be thinking that it sounds either unsafe or like a fantasy. And you'd be wrong on both counts.

Not only will driverless cars save time for parents, they will literally save children's lives. Every year, more than 600 children die in car accidents and more than 120,000 are injured. Driving is one of the leading causes of childhood death. Parents are often distracted when driving their children, with more than 60 percent admitting they've used a mobile device at the wheel.

Even the parents who avoid such devices have another dangerous distraction while driving: their kids. One study found that driving with children in the backseat was 12 times more distracting than driving while talking on a cellphone. The more than 94 percent of vehicle crashes that are caused by driver mistakes will all but vanish once fully autonomous vehicles are prevalent.

No vehicle will ever be 100 percent safe _ and there have been deadly driverless accidents _ but research indicates that the widespread adoption of self-driving cars could reduce overall traffic accidents by as much as 90 percent.

While autonomous vehicles may sound like something from a far-off future, they are already here and accessible to some real families. Last April, Waymo launched its Early Rider Program allowing selected families in Phoenix to use self-driving minivans without anyone in the driver's seat through an on-demand service. These families are already enjoying the benefits of a safer and less stressful way of getting to and from destinations.

More than one in three parents say that figuring out transportation for their kids is more stressful than filing taxes. Much like parents must decide how old their children should be before taking the school bus (which itself may be autonomous one day soon), carpooling with a friend or taking an Uber, they will have different comfort levels about at what age to allow them in a driverless car. When parents are ready, this innovation will allow families to schedule safer transportation for children without the stress of negotiating carpools or rearranging other commitments.

The best present for Mother's Day this year might be allowing fully tested autonomous vehicles to get to families faster. Embracing new technologies means giving them a chance to prove the skeptics right or wrong. There is no reason to believe that we won't adapt to fully autonomous vehicles the way we have adapted to many other new safety technologies in our vehicles.

Hopefully, autonomous vehicles will enable us to remove "chauffeur" from the list of tasks that moms gladly take on without compensation, so they can enjoy more time doing what they love most.

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Kanye's take on the 'loyal slave'

By KEVIN WAITE
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Kanye West, the self-proclaimed "voice of this generation," is now a bullhorn for bad history. His suggestion that 400 years of slavery (250 in North America) was somehow a "choice" made by the enslaved drew an immediate and fierce rebuttal from across the media landscape.

Kanye critics rightly point to the long and bloody history of slave rebellion in this country as proof that African Americans often made choices of a very different nature. Leaders such as Nat Turner knew that mutilation, torture and execution awaited in the likely event of their failure, yet they rose up against their masters nonetheless. Between 1619, when the first recorded shipment of kidnapped Africans arrived in North America, until 1865, when the whole regime came crashing down, hundreds of thousands of enslaved people fled from their plantations, risking all they had in order to escape a lifetime of bondage.

Yet there's an uncomfortable truth in West's comment. Ill-informed though his views may be, they align alarmingly well with popular interpretations of American history.

The claim that slaves somehow consented to their own enslavement is a Kanyefication of one of our most enduring national myths. Depicted in fiction, film and even statuary, the "loyal slave" has persisted for more than a century and a half. The trope buttresses the so-called Lost Cause school of history, an intellectual movement celebrating the plantation South and exonerating it from any blame for the Civil War. Instead, that cataclysm is charged to the North, which destroyed a civilization that benefited masters and slaves alike—so goes the logic of Lost Cause propagandists.

The Lost Cause myth of the loyal slave was an adaptation of an earlier motif in Southern writing. Against a rising tide of abolitionism in the 1830s, slaveholding apologists increasingly touted the benefits of their plantation system and the contentment of their enslaved workforce.

Some three decades later, when the war broke out, Confederate officials placed depictions of obedient, toiling slaves on their new currency. This was both a recognition of the importance of slave labor to the Southern economic system and an attempt to sanitize what that labor entailed.

When the war ended and the South's 4 million slaves were formally freed, those depictions multiplied and became imbued with nostalgia. In postbellum tributes, Southern writers recalled how faithful slaves fended off Yankee invaders and guarded the family valuables. Uncle Remus, the fictional slave narrator of Joel Chandler Harris' famous Br'er Rabbit stories, even shoots a Union sharpshooter as the soldier descends on the family plantation. Conspicuously missing from any of these narratives were the 150,000 former slaves who enlisted in the Union army and took up arms against their former masters.

Southerners preserved the memory of their devoted slaves not only in literature but in marble and bronze as well. One of the best-known Confederate monuments, a 32-foot-tall pillar in Arlington National Cemetery erected in 1914, depicts a number of wartime scenes. In one, a rebel soldier kisses his child, who's cradled in the arms of a slave "mammy," while in another, a black man in Confederate uniform marches alongside white soldiers. The message here is clear: Slaves sustained the cause as the Confederacy mobilized for war.

A marble monument erected in Fort Mill, S.C., in 1895, is even more explicit. It depicts scenes of bucolic plantation life alongside an inscription to the "faithful slaves who, loyal to a sacred trust, toiled for the support of the army ... and with sterling fidelity guarded our defenseless homes, women and children."

The National Mall in Washington was nearly the site of a similar monument. In 1923, just months after the dedication of the Lincoln Memorial, the Senate authorized the construction of a statue "in memory of the faithful slave mammies of the South." Due in part to substantial protest from the African American community, the House took no action on the bill, and the monument was never constructed.

Portrayals of steadfast slaves took to an even bigger stage in 1939 with Hollywood's plantation romance "Gone With the Wind." Hattie McDaniel won an Academy Award for her role as Mammy, the doting house slave who cleaves to the O'Hara family through all the many trials of the war. It was a depiction that, perhaps more than any other, cemented the image of the loyal slave in the public consciousness.

Of course, Hollywood's sympathies for slaveholders are a thing of the past, and Washington now hosts the National Museum of African American History and Culture. Yet old myths die hard. Two South Carolina legislators recently introduced a bill for a monument to the state's black Confederate troops. That historians are unable to document the existence of a single black rebel soldier in South Carolina seems to matter little. Nor has it dissuaded like-minded mythologists from citing outlandish figures about black Confederates elsewhere in the South.

They do so because the fiction of the loyal slave remains the great vindicator of the Lost Cause. And, although many of their claims are rooted in fantasy rather than fact, Confederate apologists have been surprisingly successful in their efforts to sanitize and exculpate the plantation South. According to a 2011 poll, only 38 percent of respondents said they believe that slavery was the precipitating issue of the Civil War.

Defending himself against a wave of criticism, Kanye West insists that he was "presenting new ideas." But, whether consciously or not, he simply repurposed a myth as old as the Civil War itself. The Lost Cause may have found its newest spokesman.

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to India, Israel, Pakistan and, more recently, North Korea. How long before Iran has nuclear bombs?

As each new rogue member expands the nuclear club, so does the prospect of a mushroom cloud over New York or Chicago or Paris or Berlin or London or Moscow or Beijing. As does the possibility that affiliated terror groups will obtain a nuke and use it without providing a return address for retaliation.

On Tuesday, Trump mentioned the other nuclear crisis on his short list—North Korea. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo is talking with Pyongyang to prepare for Trump's meeting with dictator Kim Jong Un. The goal: Persuade Kim to surrender his nuclear arsenal—which threatens not only the region, but U.S. cities, including Chicago.

But tearing up the Iran deal—arguably proving the U.S. is untrustworthy—doesn't give Kim incentive to strike an accord with Trump.

Trump says "America no longer makes empty threats." Nor, as the world sees, does it keep all its commitments. Beyond the boundaries of Iran's laboratories, that breaking of this nation's word could be the most perilous side effect of Trump's action Tuesday.

Trump now confronts two rogue regimes, one a nuclear wannabe, one a growing nuclear power. His goal is to find a combination of incentives and threats to turn back the nuclear doomsday clock.

We're skeptical that Trump helped that cause by his bombastic exit from the treaty without America's allies in tow—and without an answer to that crucial question: What happens if Iran is freed to pursue nukes?

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

How many more must die?

The recent headline of another drowning gave rise to this letter and what I'm sure is the concern of many over the phenomenon of tourists dying, with no end in sight. It is understandable that tourists will eventually get hurt or even drown but it is the frequency of these deaths that is so alarming. So the question is, how many must die before the CNMI takes it serious enough to do something to put a stop to it! I'm sure one of the main reason for the delay in doing something that will surly curtail if not totally end these deaths is the fact that they are not hitting home (local families), so these deaths are kind of forgotten about with the next news cycle.

But I can't help but wonder just how many must die at the same tourist sites for the same reason before we put a stop to it. The buck actually stops with the Executive Branch and Legislature, who are ultimately responsible to protect and serve everyone living in and visiting our great Commonwealth. If we just leave things like they are, the numbers are only going to grow with time and the increase of arrivals, so to do nothing is only going exacerbate the challenge! Our leaders need to come up with some solutions even if it takes creating a new law but something needs to be done now and not later, which will surely be too late for some unexpected tourist. We must do more to protect and serve the people who are literally the fuel for economy—our tourists.

Ambrose M. Bennett
Kagman, Saipan

Tweeting in the Cave of Spleen

Author's Note: Spleen was the 18th century's name for what we now call depression. Rich, idle people were particularly subject to spleen in the days of Alexander Pope (1688 -1744) who sent a fictional character to an imaginary place (the cave of Spleen) in his mock epic, The Rape of the Lock. In this sonnet, we find DJT in a cave of Spleen.

Only paltry offense from twaddling twit comes
nevertheless I persisted with my smart thumbs
as daylight dawns my kingdom wakes and yawns
I tweet to millions, a golden King to my pawns.

My subjects read whatever subject bothered me most
and the lying media reacts from coast to coast
news shows parade despicable attitudes towards me
I watch all of them closely and daily on a separate TV.

I skip reading each and every single intelligence brief
preferring to hear oral versions in my office in DC
where I'm the boss, the bigly commander in chief
and my stable genius is on display there for all to see.

Diplomatic leadership is not my forte, I'm not discreet
insults and repetition make up much of what I tweet

Take the Trump Train
While it's still on the rails and before it fails

LITERARY NOOK

By JOEY 'PEPE BATBON' CONNOLLY
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Joey "Pepe Batbon" Connolly is a retired teacher and poet living on Tinian who taught English in CNMI public schools for the past 30 years. He has also taught in Alaska, New Orleans, and Las Vegas.

Take the 'A' train address to Adultery Avenue
take the 'L' train South to Lying Boulevard
take the 'T' train to TweeterTown for a short view
take a walk on Trump's wild side, not too 'hard'
take the 'P' train north to Pyongyang
before any such proposed talk fails
before nuclear holocaust and a Big Bang
take the 'D' train to the Devils in the Details
take an ICBM up into the outer space race
take the 'O' train to Offensive Oaf's Oval Office
take the 'M' train past Manic Mouth Falls
take the 'G' train to gander at his unmovable base
take a look at his tax returns when in place
Better yet take a self driving Uber before its over
to Trumptyland 'uber alles' WH and White Tower.

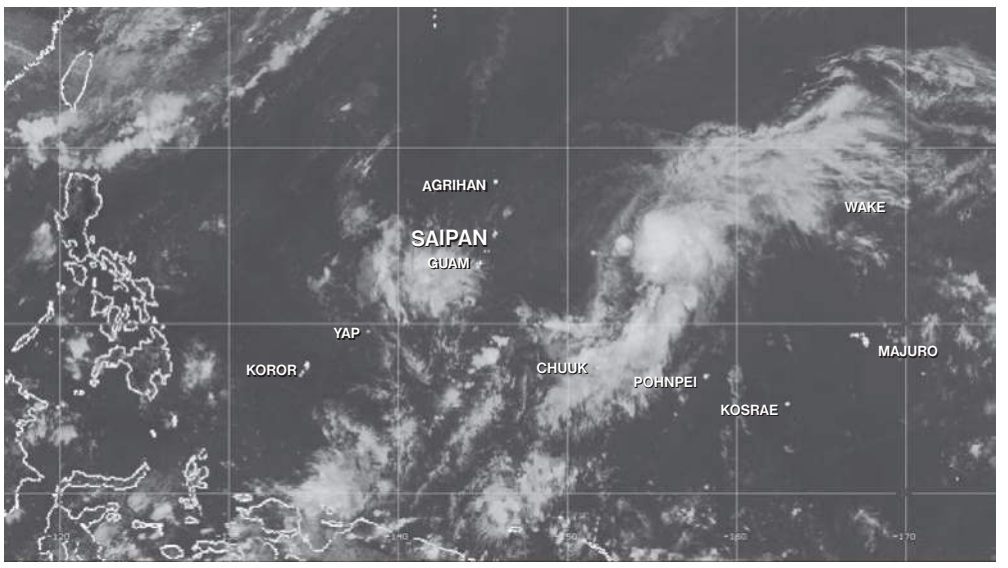
Author's Note: A complete train route showing Trump Train connecting lines is available on a new line of Trump toilet paper. Everybody's gotta go in more ways than one, ALTP (a little toilet paper), Drumpf's, I C BM, Oh My God; A.L.T.P.D. ICBM. OMG. acrimonious acrostic.'uber alles' means 'above all' in German.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲86° ▼77°	▲88° ▼78°	▲88° ▼78°	▲86° ▼78°	▲88° ▼78°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 6:32 AM, WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2018
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

The two weak circulations and the trough between them appear to be weakening more than moving. This resulted in the expected scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms not materializing. Instead they are south of the Guam waters. By Friday, and perhaps Thursday, the winds will be favorable for island convection. However, moisture is expected to be somewhat limited, and this is highlighted on last night`s upper air balloon flight, which had a K-index of only 20. Therefore, left out mention of island thunderstorms at this time. There is still a possibility though, so keep up to date the next couple of days.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorm	89° / 78°
Palau	Partly Cloudy	86° / 77°
Yap	Thunderstorm	87° / 79°
Chuuk	Thunderstorm	86° / 80°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorm	85° / 78°
Kosrae	Thunderstorm	85° / 78°
Majuro	Thunderstorm	85° / 79°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Showers	66° / 61°
Beijing	Cloudy	79° / 61°
Hong Kong	Showers	82° / 77°
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	84° / 70°
London	Partly Cloudy	63° / 52°
Los Angeles	Sunny	77° / 59°
Manila	Thunderstorm	95° / 81°
Melbourne	Rain	55° / 52°
Miami	Thunderstorm	81° / 75°
New York	Thunderstorm	63° / 59°
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	73° / 55°
Paris	Partly Cloudy	61° / 43°
Busan	Partly Cloudy	70° / 54°
Rome	Showers	72° / 57°
Salem	Partly Cloudy	89° / 64°
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	64° / 51°
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	72° / 52°
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	72° / 55°
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	84° / 63°

NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:
- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.net

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
4:05 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.78
10:28 AM	LOW TIDE	0.90
3:27 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.40
9:54 PM	LOW TIDE	0.41

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:50 AM	6:36 PM
Friday	5:49 AM	6:37 PM
Saturday	5:49 AM	6:37 PM
Sunday	5:49 AM	6:37 PM
Monday	5:48 AM	6:38 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	1:56 AM	1:55 PM	-
Friday	2:37 AM	2:45 PM	-
Saturday	3:18 AM	3:37 PM	-
Sunday	4:00 AM	4:30 PM	-
Monday	4:43 AM	5:28 PM	-

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 8, 2018

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 7
7C3451	4:00am	7:05am	4, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

TW308	2:00am	6:05am	Daily
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
LJ652	3:40am	7:30am	1, 4, 5, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	5:40am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)

JD396	7:30am	12:00pm	1
JD396	4:50pm	10:00pm	4

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:10am	10:55am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	10:55am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	9:00am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	8:10am	7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:40pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6398/193	6:05pm	11:50pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

HX077	1:50am	5:15am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UO43	5:45am	8:40am	1, 3, 5, 7
UA6398/159	6:05pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	9:00pm	2:10am+1	4
7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	3, 6, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
TW307	7:45pm	1:00am+1	Daily
OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
LJ651	9:10pm	2:40am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN

JD395	8:25am	3:30pm	4
JD395	9:55pm	5:00am+1	7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:25pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA182/6395	12:40am	8:05am	3, 6 via GUM
UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:25pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:25pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/6395	10:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA184/6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
HX076	5:15pm	12:15am+1	3, 7
UO42	6:50pm	1:45am+1	7
UO42	9:30pm	4:25am+1	2, 4, 6
UA116/6395	11:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, LJ Jin Air, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The* Saipan Tribune *is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
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40th Guam science fair draws 612 participants

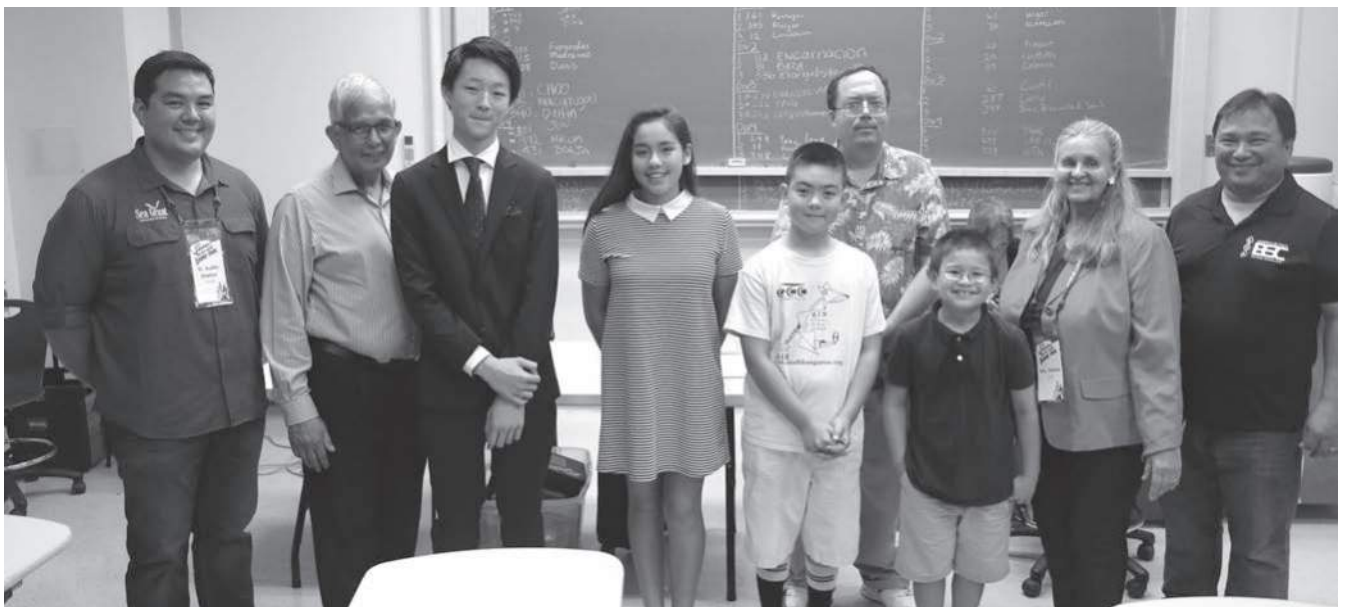
Novel inventions and exciting experiments lined the classrooms and hallways at the University of Guam during the 40th Annual Guam Science Fair last May 5.

A total of 612 participants representing all on island public, private, U.S. Department of Defense schools and schools from CNMI competed in the science fair with 521 projects.

This year's overall winner will represent Guam at the International Science and Engineering Fair with the assistance of major sponsors, such as Delta, MEC, IP&E Shell Guam, and the University of Guam Sea Grant and EPSCoR programs.

The first-place winner in the high school division will also receive a free trip to NASA Space Camp in honor of Navy commander William C. McCool (deceased), the naval aviator and NASA astronaut who piloted space shuttle *Columbia* mission STS-107 and was the first-place winner of the science fair in 1975.

Other division winners will receive computers and category winners will receive trophies at the awards ceremony to be held May 19, 2018, at the Guam Hilton Hotel beginning at 6pm.



The 40th Islandwide Science Fair winners and organizers. From left, Dr. Austin Shelton, Dr. Robert Underwood, Daniel Kang (first place overall winner, John F. Kennedy High School), Talia Kriegel (first place Division 3 winner, St. John's School), Kazu Friebert (first place Division 2 winner, home school), Dr. Phillip Dauterman, Richard Tang (first place Division 1 winner, Cmd. McCool School), Claudia Taitano, and Dr. Frank Camacho.

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Yeoman (Submarines) 2nd Class Devarious Carver, assigned to Commander, Submarine Squadron 15, listens as a first grader explains her science fair project during the 40th Annual Islandwide Science Fair at the University of Guam, May 5.

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Navy Lt. Lauren Spaziano and Yeoman (Submarines) 2nd Class Devarious Carver, both assigned to Commander, Submarine Squadron 15, judge a first grader on her science project at the 40th Annual Islandwide Science Fair at the University of Guam, May 5.

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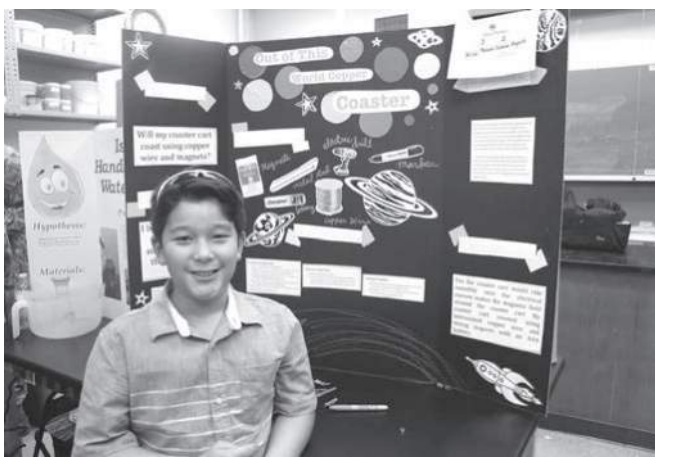

Jay Angelo C. Rivera of Santa Barbara Catholic School presents his science fair project, "Out of This World Copper Coaster."

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Navy medical doctor Lt. Peter Beale, Lt. Lauren Spaziano, public affairs officer, commander, Submarine Squadron 15, and Richard Spaziano, Navy spouse, listens as a fifth grader explains her science fair project during the 40th Annual Island-wide Science Fair at the University of Guam, May 5.

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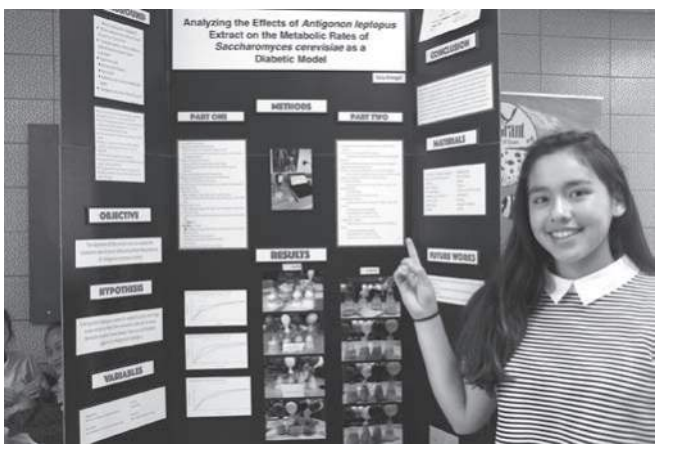
In middle school (Division 3), the overall winner was Talia Kriegel of St. John's School, with his project called "Analyzing the Effects of Antigonan Leptopus on Metabolic Rates."

In Grades K-2 (Division 2), the overall winner was homeschooled student Kazu Friebert, with his project called "From Wind to Voltage."

Richard Tang of Cmd. McCool Elementary/Middle School was the overall winner in Grades 3-5 (Division 1), with his project called "Battle of the Mops." ***(PR)***



Talia Kriegel of St. John's School presents her science fair project, "Analyzing the Effects of Antigonan Leptopus on Metabolic Rates."

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DISABILITY TALKS CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Pacific Basin UCEDD director from University of Hawaii - Manoa's Center on Disability Studies, Dr. Kiriko Takahashi, seated right, recently met with NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez, seated left; interim vice president of Learning and Student Success Cynthia Deleon Guerrero; and interim director for the NMC University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, Jennifer-Eilleen Castro, to discuss disability matters and concerns in the CNMI.

NMC now accepting Framingham applications

Framingham State University, in partnership with International Education Programs Inc., a non-profit Education organization in Massachusetts, has been offering graduate degree programs abroad for almost 30 years now. Since the fall of 2001, Northern Marianas College on Saipan has been a site location for Framingham State University.

The Master of Education Degree program with a concentration in International Teaching has been offered at NMC for 17 years; over 288 educators have graduated from the program. The most recent cohort of educators to undertake this degree program finished their M.Ed. program last weekend.

The Master of Education degree with a concentration in International Teaching is a special program that was developed for teachers working in American and international schools aboard. The program consists of nine 4-credit graduate courses in Education (36 semester hours overall), and the successful completion of a comprehensive portfolio. The curriculum for this program was specifically designed to meet the needs of a diverse teacher population, addressing major education topics and issues relevant to all instructional levels. The courses provide a background in educational foundations and philosophy, instructional strategies, curriculum design, research, and the teaching of English as a Second Language.

These on-site graduate programs provide affordable, accredited advanced degrees for educators. The courses are held in a hybrid format with graduate faculty from Framingham State University traveling to Saipan to teach in the classroom in a face-to-face format. School superintendents, principals, special education directors and school counselors are among the very experienced cadre of instructors utilized in these specialized courses. Framingham State University is the oldest teaching training institute in the United States, founded in 1839 by Horace Mann. The university is fully accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

Applications are being accepted now for a new cohort to begin the fall semester of 2018. Three courses are offered each semester to meet the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance guidelines for aid. For more information on admissions, contact the NMC Community Development Institute at 237-6802/6810/6722 or you may email CDI program manager Les Ogumoro-Uludong, at les.ogumoro@marianas.edu. Seating is limited for this upcoming cohort, so register now. ***(NMC)***

Business

New Google features

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. (AP)—Google showcased its plans for the next several months as it kicked off its annual developers' conference Tuesday. Many of the new features center on the use of artificial intelligence to help save time.

Here are the highlights:

MAPS: Google will use augmented reality to help guide you to your destination. When you pull up direction on Google Maps, you can look through the camera and get turn-by-turn directions while viewing the actual street. The app will also orient you and verify your position using local landmarks such as buildings and shops viewed through the camera. Google calls the technology VPS, or visual positioning system. The feature is expected this summer.

GOOGLE DUPLEX: Google's digital assistant will call actual people at businesses to make restaurant reservations and hair appointments and check holiday hours. In two demonstrations, a realistic-sounding automated voice used pauses and "ums" and "mmm-hmms" to sound more human during interactions with people. Google says the technology is rolling out as "an experiment" in coming weeks. Google says it's still figuring out how to be upfront and let businesses know that they are talking to a computer.

GMAIL: An autocomplete feature called "smart compose" uses artificial intelligence to suggest ways to finish sentences you start typing. For example, "I haven't seen you" might be autocompleted to "I haven't seen you in a while and I hope you're doing well." The feature will start rolling out this month.

PHOTOS: When Google recognizes a photo of someone who is one of your contacts, it can suggest sending the photo to that person. It can also convert photos to PDFs and automatically add color to black-and-white photos or make part of a color photo black and white. The changes are coming in the next few months.

GOOGLE ASSISTANT: Google's digital assistant will get six new voices, including one based on that of singer John Legend, later this year. The voices aim to sound more natural and will include pauses that convey meaning. Google is also unveiling ways to let you issue multiple commands without having to say "Hey Google" each time. And it will reward kids who say "please," similar to a feature Amazon is bringing to its Alexa voice assistant.

LENS: Google's visual assistant will be built into the camera. Just point the camera at a building or sign to get more information. Or copy text from images of menus, documents and other sources into another app on your phone. Samsung phones aren't on the list of phones getting the feature starting next week. Samsung has its own version, Bixby Vision.

NEWS: Google is redesigning the News feature to present five stories you need to know, plus others that it thinks will be most relevant to you. For outlets with subscriptions, Google will allow you to subscribe directly through your Google account, without needing new passwords or credit card information. The feature should be available to everyone by next week.

ANDROID P: The version of Google's Android phone software will infuse basic functions with AI smarts. The battery will adapt to how you use apps in order to conserve energy. "Adaptive brightness" will learn how bright you like your screen based on manual adjustments, instead of automatically adjusting based on the how bright it is. Apple's latest system, iOS 11, has a similar feature. Owners of some Android phones—none from Samsung—can get an early test version now.

WELL-BEING: Android P also includes features to combat overuse. A "shush" mode automatically turns on the "Do Not Disturb" mode when you turn your phone face down on a table. And "Wind Down Mode" will fade the screen to greyscale at a designated bed time to help you disconnect before bed.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

US job openings equal unemployed for 1st time in 2 decades

WASHINGTON (AP)—If you're looking for a job right now, this may be about as good as it gets: There are roughly as many open jobs in the United States as there are unemployed people. In March, employers advertised 6.55 million open jobs, the most on records dating to December 2000, the Labor Department said Tuesday . At the same time, there were 6.59 million unemployed people. That's a historical anomaly. Typically, there are far more unemployed people than advertised job openings—often twice as many. And back in July 2009, just after the Great Recession, there were 6.7 unemployed people, on average, for each open job. With that ratio now at essentially 1 to 1, the job market appears to be tilting in favor of workers and job-seekers rather than employers.

Report: Legal marijuana boosts government revenue—a little

A new report finds that legalizing and taxing marijuana boosts revenue for state and local governments, but not by much. The credit rating agency Moody's Investor Service says in a study released Tuesday that legalizing recreational use of marijuana brings governments more money than it costs to regulate it. Despite high taxes on the legal sales of the drug, the revenue accounts for a small portion of government budgets. In Colorado, the first state to legalize recreational use, a marijuana tax brings in the equivalent of about 2 percent of the state budget. In Washington state, gross revenue from marijuana legalization equaled 1.2 percent of general fund revenue in the 2015-17 state budget. ***(AP)***

Mnuchin: Boeing's sales licenses to Iran will be revoked

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. withdrawal from the Iran nuclear deal means Boeing's licenses to sell billions of dollars in commercial jetliners to Iran will be revoked, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said Tuesday. Mnuchin said that the existing licenses held by Chicago-based Boeing Co. and its European competitor, Airbus Group, would be invalidated by President Donald Trump's decision. "The existing licenses will be revoked," Mnuchin told reporters. Boeing said it would consult with the government on what comes next. "As we have throughout this process, we'll continue to follow the U.S. government's lead," the company said.

Nation

US leaves Iran nuclear accord

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Donald Trump withdrew the U.S. from the landmark nuclear accord with Iran on Tuesday, abruptly restoring harsh sanctions in the most consequential foreign policy action of his presidency. He declared he was making the world safer, but he also deepened his isolation on the world stage and revived doubts about American credibility.

Trump

The 2015 agreement, which was negotiated by the Obama administration and included Germany, France and Britain, had lifted most U.S. and international economic sanctions against Iran. In exchange, Iran agreed to restrictions on its nuclear program, making it impossible to produce a bomb and establishing rigorous inspections.

But Trump, a severe critic of the deal dating back to his presidential campaign, said in a televised address from the White House that it was "defective at its core."

U.S. allies in Europe had tried to keep him in and lamented his move to abandon it. Iran's leader ominously warned his country might "start enriching uranium more than before."

The sanctions seek to punish Iran for its nuclear program by limiting its ability to sell oil or do business overseas, affecting a wide range of Iranian economic sectors and individuals.

Major companies in the U.S. and Europe could be hurt, too. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said that licenses held by Boeing and its European competitor Airbus to sell billions of dollars in commercial jetliners to Iran will be revoked. Certain exemptions are to be negotiated, but Mnuchin refused to discuss what products might qualify.

He said the sanctions will sharply curtail sales of oil by Iran, which is currently the world's fifth largest oil producer. Mnuchin said he didn't expect oil prices to rise sharply, forecasting that other producers will step up production.

Iran's government must now decide whether to follow the U.S. and withdraw or try to salvage what's left with the Europeans. Iranian President Hassan Rouhani said he was sending his foreign minister to the remaining countries but warned there was only a short time to negotiate with them.

Laying out his case, Trump contended, "If we do nothing, we know exactly what will happen. In just a short period of time, the world's leading state sponsor of terror will be on the cusp of acquiring the world's most dangerous weapons."

The administration said it would re-impose sanctions on Iran immediately but allow grace periods for businesses to wind down activity. Companies and banks doing business with Iran will have to scramble to extricate themselves or run afoul of the U.S. government.

Meanwhile, for nations contemplating striking their own sensitive deals with Trump, such as North Korea, the withdrawal will increase suspicions that they cannot expect lasting U.S. fidelity to international agreements it signs.

ACROSS THE NATION

Woman charged with killing man, stashing corpse in bin

ST. ALBANS, Vt. (AP)—A Vermont woman told police that she shot a man living in her home and stashed his body in a trash bin because he manipulated family members with drugs, constantly drank and raped her, according to court papers released Tuesday. The attorney for Erika Guttilla, 31, asked a judge on Tuesday for another day to review the case. She was being held without bail on a charge of first-degree murder. She pleaded not guilty to unrelated charges. Guttilla and her boyfriend, 28-year-old Corey Cassani, were arrested Tuesday morning in connection with the shooting death of Troy Ford, 35, of Brooklyn, New York, whose remains were found in the woods over the weekend in Highgate.

Mormons severing all ties with Boy Scouts

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—The Mormon church said Tuesday it will sever all ties with the Boy Scouts of America at the end of next year and place its remaining 425,000 boys into a gospel-focused youth program it is developing. The move ends a nearly century-old relationship that was based on their shared values. The announcement by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and Boy Scouts didn't come as a complete surprise after the religion last year removed 185,000 boys between the ages of 14 and 18, signaling that an end to the long-time alliance was near.

Priest accused of abusing 2 boys, making 1 confess afterward

A Roman Catholic priest was arrested and charged Tuesday with sexually abusing at least two boys during his four decades in the Erie, Pennsylvania, diocese, and making one of them say confession after the alleged assaults. State Attorney General Josh Shapiro announced the arrest of the 64-year-old Rev. David Poulson, of Oil City, as part of a statewide grand jury investigation. According to court records, Poulson is facing at least eight charges, including indecent assault and child endangerment for incidents dating to 2002. Court records did not list an attorney for Poulson, and a phone call to a number listed for him was not answered Tuesday. Poulson was being held Tuesday on $300,000 cash bail. He faces a maximum of 64 years, if convicted, and $135,000 in fines. ***(AP)***

Porn star's lawyer says Russian paid Trump attorney Cohen

WASHINGTON (AP)—Stormy Daniels' lawyer said Tuesday he has information showing that Michael Cohen, President Donald Trump's longtime personal attorney, received $500,000 from a company associated with a Russian billionaire within months of paying hush money to Daniels, a porn star who claims she had an affair with Trump. Lawyer Michael Avenatti also said hundreds of thousands of dollars streamed into Cohen's account from companies, including pharmaceutical giant Novartis, AT&T and Korea Aerospace, with U.S. government business interests. AT&T confirmed its connection Tuesday evening. Avenatti did not provide documents to support the claims and did not reveal the source of his information.

Asia

Leaders of Japan, China, S. Korea hold talks focused on North Korea

AP

From left, Chinese Premier Li Keqiang, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, center, and South Korean President Moon Jae-in, right, pose for photographers prior to their summit in Tokyo Wednesday, May 9, 2018.

TOKYO (AP)—The rapidly evolving situation on the Korean Peninsula and U.S. threats to free trade were likely agenda items as China, Japan and South Korea sat down Wednesday for their first trilateral summit in more than two years.

The meeting comes amid a flurry of developments on the Korean peninsula. North Korean leader Kim Jong Un met Moon on April 27 and Chinese President Xi Jinping earlier this week. U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo flew to Pyongyang, the North Korean capital, early Wednesday on an unannounced visit.

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PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP)—U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo arrived in North Korea on Wednesday to finalize details of a historic summit planned between President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

Trump announced the mission in Washington on Tuesday just minutes before Pompeo arrived in Japan to refuel before flying on to Pyongyang, and as the president declared he was withdrawing from a landmark nuclear deal with another bitter U.S. adversary, Iran.

U.S. officials say Pompeo will also press North Korea for the release of three detained American citizens, whose imminent release Trump has been hinting at. His trip comes just days after North Korea expressed displeasure with Washington for comments suggesting that massive U.S. pressure had pushed Kim to the negotiating table.

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BEIJING (AP)—North Korean leader Kim Jong Un met with Chinese President Xi Jinping in a northern Chinese port city and pledged his continuing commitment to denuclearization ahead of his expected summit with U.S. President Donald Trump, state media said Tuesday.

The meeting Monday and Tuesday in Dalian is the second between Xi and Kim in recent weeks, following Kim's March visit to Beijing—his first since taking power six years ago.

In comments carried Tuesday night by Chinese state media, neither leader was quoted as directly referring to either the planned Trump meeting or Kim's summit with South Korean President Moon Jae-in late last month.

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Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, in opening remarks, praised the efforts of Xi and South Korean President Moon Jae-in.

"Using this momentum, we should carry on our work to push for the full, verifiable and irreversible abolishment of North Korea's weapons of mass destruction and every type of ballistic missile," Abe said.

Abe and Moon are meeting with Chinese Premier Li Keqiang, the No. 2 official after Xi.

Li said the three counties need a stable northeast Asia region for their development, adding that free trade is a good way to promote a global economic recovery.

"We are willing to work with Japan and South Korea to jointly maintain regional stability and push forward the development of the three countries," he said.

Wednesday's summit is the seventh since the three-way meetings started in 2008 but only the first since 2015. It follows Kim's surprise visit this week to China's northern port city of Dalian for talks with Chinese President Xi Jinping.

Moon is expected to brief Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Chinese Premier Li Keqiang about his April 27 summit with Kim.

The leaders of North and South Korea agreed to work toward reconciliation, but didn't achieve any breakthroughs in North Korea's denuclearization.

Analysts say Japan is trying to showcase improved ties and cooperation with China and South Korea so its views will be represented in any negotiations with North Korea.

Japanese officials hope the trilateral summit will produce a joint statement seeking North Korea's complete, verifiable and irreversible abandonment of nuclear weapons, affirming China's and South Korea's support for the return of Japanese citizens abducted by North Korea decades ago, and promoting a three-way free trade agreement.

Abe told a parliamentary session Tuesday that he hoped to have an "in-depth discussion of North Korea problems" at the meeting to seek a comprehensive solution.

World

AP EXPLAINS
What is Iran's atomic deal?

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)—Iran's nuclear deal with world powers faces its biggest diplomatic challenge yet as President Donald Trump is withdrawing the United States from the accord.

What is the atomic agreement and why does it face criticism now?

GIVE AND TAKE

At its heart, the 2015 deal imposes restrictions on Iran's nuclear program that make it impossible for Iran to produce a bomb, in return for the lifting of most of the U.S. and international sanctions against it. But the accord has a series of time limits.

Under its terms, Iran only can maintain a stockpile of 300 kilograms (661 pounds) of low-enriched uranium, compared to the 100,000 kilograms (220,460 pounds) of higher-enriched uranium it once had. Iran can only enrich uranium to 3.67 percent, which can be used to fuel a reactor but is far below the 90 percent needed to produce a weapon. The deal also limited the number of centrifuges Iran can run and restricted it to an older, slower model.

Iranian technicians explain a piece of equipment to a clergyman during an exhibition of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization at the Qom University in 2006. (AP Photo/Vahid Salemi, File)

Iran also reconfigured a heavy-water reactor so it couldn't produce plutonium and agreed to convert its Fordo enrichment site—dug deep into a mountainside—into a research center. It granted more access to International Atomic Energy Agency inspectors and set up a system that allows the U.N. watchdog to inspect other sites.

In exchange, world powers lifted the crippling economic sanctions that had locked Iran out of international banking and the global oil trade. It allowed Iran to make purchases of commercial aircraft and reach other business deals. It also unfroze billions of dollars Iran had overseas.

The deal, however, does not directly stop Iran from testing or firing ballistic missiles. It also has a series of rolling expiration dates. In 8 ½ years, for example, Iran can start testing up to 30 more advanced centrifuges, a number it can greatly expand two years later.

Fifteen years after the deal, restrictions on Iran's uranium enrichment and stockpile size end.

AFTER 15 YEARS

During the life of the accord, Iran is limited to a level where it cannot produce a bomb and—if the deal were to fall apart today—experts say it would need at least a year to build one. If Iran violates the deal, sanctions can immediately be re-imposed.

A 2016 meeting between U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, and Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif in Vienna, Austria. (Kevin Lamarque/Pool Photo via AP, File)

The deal's opponents argue it allows Iran to build a bomb after it expires, something Iran has explicitly promised in the accord not to do.

After the 15 years are up, Iran could have an array of advanced centrifuges ready to work, the limits on its stockpile would be gone, and in theory it could then throw itself wholeheartedly into producing highly enriched uranium. But at the same time, nothing in the deal prevents the West from trying to rein Iran in again with sanctions.

The deal's architects and supporters say the idea is to increase dialogue and trust during the intervening 15 years and negotiate an extension or a new accord. Later deals, they argue, also can tackle other outstanding issues between Iran and the West.

'WORST DEAL EVER'

The nuclear agreement marked President Barack Obama's biggest foreign accomplishment. Trump, who has called the deal "a disaster" and "the worst deal ever," has worked on unwinding much of Obama's domestic and foreign agenda.

Trump criticizes the deal for not including Iran's ballistic missile program or Tehran's support of groups like Hezbollah in Lebanon and its aid of embattled Syrian President Bashar Assad. He also has criticized the fact the deal's terms expire. He said the accord "threw Iran's dictatorship a political and economic lifeline."

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, long a hawk on Iran, similarly has criticized the deal. Seeking to ensure Trump's withdrawal, he held a news conference last week alleging "Iran lied" about its nuclear weapon ambitions in the 2000s. But the information he shared seemed to match up with what the IAEA already reported about Tehran's program. Israel itself is widely believed to have its own never-disclosed nuclear arsenal.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu presents what he described proof of Iran's nuclear weapons development during a press conference in Tel Aviv last month. (AP Photo/Sebastian Scheiner, File)

In Iran, meanwhile, many say they haven't seen the economic benefits that President Hassan Rouhani said would flow in from the accord. The public has been hit by spiraling inflation, fueling nationwide protests in December and January.

ATOMS FOR PEACE TO THREATS OF WAR

Iran's nuclear program actually began with the help of the United States. Under its "Atoms for Peace" program, America supplied a test reactor that came online in Tehran in 1967 under the rule of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi. That help ended once Iran's 1979 Islamic Revolution overthrew the shah.

In the 1990s, Iran expanded its program, including buying equipment from A.Q. Khan, the father of the nuclear program in Pakistan, which has produced an arsenal. Among its activities, Iran "may have received design information" for a bomb and researched explosive detonators, according to the IAEA. By August 2002, Western intelligence services and an Iranian opposition group revealed a covert nuclear site at the central city of Natanz.

Iran to this day denies its nuclear program had a military dimension.

TALKS AND SANCTIONS

In the early 2000s, Britain, France and Germany launched nuclear negotiations with Iran that the U.S. sat out. By October 2003, Iran suspended enrichment. But it resumed it again in 2006 under hard-line President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. World powers imposed crippling U.N. sanctions locking Tehran out of the global economy.

Environment

Lingering residents forced to evacuate as lava cracks spread

By CALEB JONES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PAHOA, Hawaii (AP)—Edwin Montoya's family carved their farm on the slopes of the Kilauea volcano out of "raw jungle," transforming it into a fertile collection of gardens, animal pens and fruit trees.

Now the property is imperiled by the very land it stands upon. A couple of miles up the hill, lava has destroyed dozens of homes and his daughter's farm is in an evacuation zone.

Despite the nearby danger, the 76-year-old Montoya planned to stay to care for animals on the farm and keep looters away.

Those plans were dashed Tuesday after two new fissures opened up, including one about a mile from the family home, and he was forced to evacuate.

"I'm in my truck right now on my way up the road," he said. "The police came down here and made me."

Because there's no indication when the eruption might stop, or how far the lava might spread, the volcano has forced people living in and around the Leilana Estates subdivision to make tough decisions.

Some residents insist on staying to watch over their property. Others have abandoned their homes without knowing when they will be able to return, or if they will come back to find their houses turned to ash and buried under solid rock.

Andrew Nisbet evacuated last week and has no idea what has happened since.

"My home is right in the line of the major breakouts so maybe, maybe not." he said Monday during a community meeting.

Authorities urged Scott Wiggers to evacuate, but he refused.

"I'm in the safest part in the subdivision. There's no threat to my house whatsoever," said Wiggers, a tour guide.

Wiggers said he wasn't leaving his home on the outskirts of the evacuation zone because he worried that if he did, he wouldn't be able to get back in. But he's prepared in case the situation takes a turn.

"I am packed. My truck is loaded. I'm not a dumb-dumb. If I see a threat, I'm out of here," he said.

Hawaii County officials issued mandatory evacuation orders for two neighborhoods—Leilani Estates and Lanipuna Gardens—on Thursday when the lava first emerged. About 1,700 people live in Leilani and a few hundred live in Lanipuna.

But on Tuesday, county officials sent an emergency cellphone alert telling any stragglers in Lanipuna to leave immediately. Acting Mayor Wil Okabe said that's because two new fissures were emitting dangerous gases.

Hawaii Gov. David Ige told evacuees he has called the White House and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to tell officials that he believes the state will need help to deal with the volcano on the Big Island.

Authorities are allowing some evacuees to return briefly each day to gather medicine, pets and other necessities.

Montoya, who moved to Hawaii to be with his family about six years ago, said he saw most of the United States as a truck driver for 25 years on the mainland. He prefers life on Mystic Forest Farm, in a purple octagonal house his family built nearly 20 years ago.

The farm is at the end of a long, single-lane gravel road, with large volcanic rocks scattered about and large pools of water to drive through.

Montoya was tending to the farm's animals—sheep, chickens, rabbits and several cats and dogs—and watching over the property to prevent looting before being forced to leave.

Officials warn that lava could flow downhill and burn areas that are not currently in danger, and toxic volcanic gas could kill people, especially the elderly and those with breathing problems.

A fissure erupts near the intersection of Kahukai Street and Leilani Avenue in Leilani Estates, Tuesday, May 8, 2018, in Pahoa, Hawaii. AP

Dinosaur tracks at Utah park dislodged, thrown into lake

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Visitors at a Utah state park have been dislodging dinosaur tracks imprinted in sandstone and throwing the pieces into a nearby lake, officials said.

The site lined with hundreds of the prehistoric raptor tracks has been heavily damaged in the past six months, Red Fleet State Park Manager Josh Hansen said.

Hansen recently caught a juvenile who was throwing slabs of stone into the reservoir, told the Salt Lake Tribune . He heard two thumps into the water before docking his boat. Then he saw the person holding two toe imprints from a partial dinosaur track.

"I saved that one," Hansen said. "He had already thrown multiple (tracks in the water)."

Many tracks are noticeable walking through the landscape, but others are not. Utah Division of State Parks spokesman Devan Chavez said his conservative estimate is that at least 10 of the larger, more visible footprints, which range from 3 to 17 inches (8 to 43 centimeters), disappeared in the past six months.

"It's become quite a big problem," Chavez said. "They're just looking to throw rocks off the side. What they don't realize is these rocks they're picking up, they're covered in dinosaur tracks."

Some of the slabs sink to the bottom of Red Fleet Reservoir, some shatter upon hitting the surface and others dissolve entirely.

"Some of them are likely lost forever," Chavez said.

The park is considering sending a diving team to recover what it can from the lakebed. For now, it's putting up more signs asking tourists not to touch the sandstone.

Travel may be good for the soul, but its huge carbon footprint means it's bad for the planet

By DEBORAH NETBURN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

The people of Earth are traveling more often and farther than they ever have before, and it's taking a toll on the environment.

For the first time, researchers have measured the carbon footprint of all aspects of global tourism, including air flights, car rentals, lodging and even the souvenir travelers buy once they reach their destination.

The analysis, which looked at a five-year time period starting in 2009 and ending in 2013, revealed that by 2013 tourism across the planet was responsible for more than double the carbon emissions than previously thought.

Earlier studies had found that traveling accounted for about 3 percent of all greenhouse gas emissions. However, the new study, published Monday in Nature Climate Change, reported that humanity's penchant to see new places is in fact responsible for about 8 percent of all global greenhouse gas emissions.

"We knew our number would come out higher because our analysis was more comprehensive, but to come out as 8 percent that was really eye-opening," said Arunima Malik, who studies sustainability at the University of Sydney in Australia, and who led the work. "People need to be aware of this."

The authors found that spending on tourism is growing faster than in other areas such as manufacturing or construction.

Between 2009 and 2013 tourism spending jumped 30 percent around the globe, from $2.5 trillion in 2009 to $4.7 trillion in 2013.

In the same time period the carbon footprint of tourism grew by 15 percent. And as global incomes continue to rise, the authors expect both numbers to continue to grow.

"There is a positive relationship between affluence and carbon emissions, so as people get richer, we expect that footprint would increase," Malik said.

The research also indicated that new technologies such as renewable energy can help reduce the impact of tourism on global emissions but that so far they haven't been able to keep pace with the rapid growth in global travel.

The findings were based on an analysis of 189 countries and more than 1 billion supply chains and their effects on the atmosphere that have been incorporated into vast, previously established databases.

Malik said her group's study differs from past work in part because the team took such a broad approach to the carbon costs associated with travel.

"When we looked at the methodology of similar studies, we found that they looked at some of the supply chains, but not all," she said. "We wanted to fill that gap by doing a study that is more comprehensive and encompassing."

To that end, they looked not just at greenhouse gas emissions related to air travel and hotel stays, but also the emissions that are associated with the types of food tourists eat on their travels and the clothes and gifts they buy at their destinations.

The researchers found that travelers spend their money differently depending on their income level. Wealthy travelers spend money on airplane flights, shopping and hospitality, while lower-income travelers are more likely to spend their cash on road transportation and processed foods.

They also discovered that travelers inside and to the United States are responsible for the largest percentage of global emissions related to travel, and that there has been significant growth in tourism from people in China and India.

So what should conscientious travelers do in light of this new information? Should they stop traveling all together?

Malik pointed out that this approach has repercussions too.

"For example, many island destinations depend on people coming to those islands," she said. "That's their income stream."

A better approach, she said, might be to take steps to offset the effects of your travel.

This could be as simple as planting a tree to counteract the carbon emissions associated with an airplane flight, she said, noting that this will only help if you maintain the tree over time.

Life & Style

‘This Is America’ seals Glover’s rep as protest artist

WASHINGTON (AP)—It’s been called a moving testament to modern times and an unflinching exploration of the wretched past experienced by African-Americans.

Donald Glover’s “This Is America,” a music video that depicts gun violence amid a mélange of racism, Negro minstrel shows, police brutality and mass killing, not only touched off a national debate, it affirmed Glover’s place in the pantheon of artists who reveal uncomfortable truths about race through their work.

“The themes ain’t new but this brings it into fresh (but dark) light,” author and pop critic Luvvie Ajayi said Sunday in her online column. “It turned the mirror on this country and said ‘see your life.’ It is a read, an indictment and a challenge.”

This terrain is not new for Glover either. Through his award-winning FX show “Atlanta,” which has gotten critical acclaim for its portrayal of black Southern life, Glover has delved into topics ranging from single parenthood to crime, the pitfalls of fame and recently, youth suicide. As his musical alter-ego Childish Gambino, Glover performed “This Is America” last weekend while serving as guest host of “Saturday Night Live.” He released the video around the same time.

Glover also has been outspoken about his career arc. As “Saturday Night Live” host, he joked about being turned down for the SNL cast in the past despite his many talents.

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Donald Glover attends The Metropolitan Museum of Art’s Costume Institute benefit gala celebrating the opening of the Heavenly Bodies: Fashion and the Catholic Imagination exhibition on Monday, May 7, 2018, in New York.

After his “Deadpool” TV project was scrapped earlier this year, Glover took executives at FX and Marvel to task by releasing a fake Deadpool script in which the main character wonders whether racism was why the project was killed. He later deleted the tweets with his complaints, including the script.

Still, Glover’s star is rising. He’s set to appear in two upcoming Disney properties—the live-action Lion King remake and as Lando Calrissian in “Solo: A Star Wars Story.”

Lester Spence, co-director of the Center for Africana Studies at John Hopkins University, called Glover’s “This Is America” an heir to “Strange Fruit,” recorded by Billie Holiday in 1939 to protest lynchings of African-Americans in the South.

There have been others: Nina Simone’s “Mississippi Goddam,” N.W.A.’s “F--- Tha Police,” Marvin Gaye’s “Mercy, Mercy Me (The Ecology),” Public Enemy’s “Fight the Power.” But what sets “This is America” apart, Spence said, is that it “functions as an R&B song but also functions as a really, really powerful ‘Black’ with a capital ‘B’ commentary.”

“I can’t think of any other video that deals with American violence in the way that ‘This Is America’ does,” Spence said.

The video’s imagery is jarring: Police chases, a black guitar player shot point-blank in the head then dragged away unceremoniously, a black choir being gunned down mid-song—both times with the weapon treated with kid gloves—all while a shirtless Gambino sings, dances and raps with a smile on his face.

He sings: “Yeah, this is America/ Guns in my area/ I got the strap/ I gotta carry ’em.” At the video’s end, he appears to be chased by a white mob.

The reactions on social media were swift.

Transformed Prince Harry ready to marry

LONDON (AP)—It was a statement that confirmed Prince Harry’s burgeoning maturity and his iron determination to struggle for what he cherishes and believes in.

Ready to fight for his right to lead a semi-normal life in a semi-crazed fishbowl environment. Ready to demand respect for the woman he loved, one he perhaps already hoped to marry.

It was November, 2016, and in a statement released by his press secretary, Harry made clear that he would not let the British press hound Meghan Markle in the way it had pursued his mother, Princess Diana, shortly before her death in a Paris car crash in 1997.

His message was clear—back off!

It was also a signal to the British public that he was determined to bring the divorced American actress into the royal fold.

“This is not a game,” the statement read, expressing Harry’s belief that Markle’s safety was threatened by the intrusive press and what he called the “racial undertone” of much of the commentary and the social media trolls.

Harry’s unusual public statement distilled many of the elements that have shaped his life: The pain caused by his mother’s early death; the resentment of the relentless press pursuit that contributed to the breakup of his prior serious relationships; and his determination to find a meaningful public role and build a family of his own.

Harry had been showing signs of becoming slightly lost. Hijinks, including the 2012 “strip billiards” incident in a Las Vegas hotel suite when Harry was photographed nude with a female companion, only added to that perception.

First night of Rockefeller art auction fetches $646M

NEW YORK (AP)—A collection of artwork put together by billionaire David Rockefeller that includes pieces from Pablo Picasso, Claude Monet and Georgia O’Keeffe brought in more than $646 million on the first night of an auction.

Highlights of the Tuesday sale at Christies included “Young Girl with a Flower Basket,” a 1905 painting by Pablo Picasso which fetched $115 million, the second-highest price at auction for the artist.

Paintings by Claude Monet and Henri Matisse also garnered new record prices for the artists. Monet’s “Water Lilies in Bloom,” completed between 1914 and 1917, sold for a record $84.6 million and Matisse’s “Odalisque reclining with magnolias” sold for a record $80.7 million.

Christie’s says the proceeds will be distributed to a number of philanthropies Rockefeller and his wife, Peggy, supported in their lifetimes.

AP

This photo provided by Christie’s Images Ltd. 2018 shows Claude Monet’s, “Nymphéas en fleur,” (“Flowering Water Lilies”) painted 1914-1917.

Rockefeller was the last surviving grandson of Standard Oil founder John D. Rockefeller when he died in March 2017 at the age of 101.

He and Peggy had been married for more than 50 years. She died in 1996.

The couple amassed a massive collection of art, furniture, ceramics, statuary and decor. The collection also includes items that were passed down from previous Rockefeller generations.

Tuesday’s evening sale focused on 19th- and 20th-century art, and also includes works from Paul Gauguin and Georges Seurat.

‘Ghosts of the Tsunami’ wins Rathbones Folio literary prize

LONDON (AP)—A reporter’s powerful account of communities devastated by Japan’s 2011 earthquake and tsunami won the Rathbones Folio Prize for literature on Tuesday.

Richard Lloyd Parry’s “Ghosts of the Tsunami” was named winner of the 20,000 pound ($27,000) prize at a ceremony in London.

Lloyd Parry, Asia editor for the Times of London, spent years covering the aftermath of the disaster, which killed more than 15,000 people and triggered the meltdown of the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant.

The judging panel said the book was “both harrowing and inspiring” in its depiction of a nation’s grief and conveyed the “complexities and subtleties” of Japanese life to a foreign audience.

Lloyd Parry paid tribute to the survivors he interviewed about their traumatic experiences. He said that as a journalist he sometimes asked “is it going to be worth it in the end? The award of this prize gives me hope that it was worth it.”

Founded in 2013 to rival the prestigious Man Booker Prize, the Folio is open to both fiction and nonfiction published in Britain. Winners are picked by a judging panel chosen from among 300 writers who belong to the Folio Academy.

Lloyd Parry beat seven other finalists, including U.S. writer Elizabeth Strout’s story collection “Anything is Possible,” British-Pakistani author Mohsin Hamid’s novel “Exit West” and the memoir “Once Upon A Time In The East” by Chinese-British writer Xiaolu Guo.

Kirsten Dunst is a mom, actress has a baby boy

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Kirsten Dunst is a first-time mom.

Her publicist says the 36-year-old actress and fiance Jesse Plemons had a healthy baby boy.

No other details were released.

Dunst and 30-year-old Plemons met in 2016 on the FX series "Fargo," where they played a married couple.

AP

In this Nov. 16, 2017 file photo, actress Kirsten Dunst Actress attends the 2017 Guggenheim International Gala, hosted by Dior, at the Guggenheim Museum in New York.

Judge approves sale of Weinstein Co. to private equity firm

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP)—A Delaware bankruptcy judge said Tuesday that she will approve a private equity firm's purchase of the Weinstein Co., the studio forced into bankruptcy by the sexual misconduct scandal that brought down Hollywood mogul Harvey Weinstein.

Judge Mary Walrath gave her approval after Dallas-based Lantern Capital emerged last week as the sole qualifying bidder for the company.

Lantern offered to pay $310 million in cash for the Weinstein Co.'s assets and to assume $127 million in project-related debt. It also agreed to cover obligations related to the assumption of certain contracts and leases.

Attorneys for the committee of unsecured creditors said Tuesday that the actual price paid by Lantern will be closer to $260 million, based on the difference between the value of the Weinstein Co.'s assets at the time of Lantern's bid and the current value of those assets.

The company's primary assets are a lucrative 277-film library, a television production business and an unreleased film portfolio that includes four distribution-ready films and other projects in various stages of development.

"The Lantern deal represents full and fair value for the company," said Paul Zumbro, an attorney representing Weinstein Company Holdings and 54 related entities.

The company sought bankruptcy protection in March amid a sexual misconduct scandal that brought down co-founder Harvey Weinstein and triggered a nationwide movement to address predatory sexual behavior and harassment in the workplace.

It's unclear whether Weinstein's accusers will receive any money from the bankruptcy sale. But an attorney for the official committee of unsecured creditors, which includes two alleged victims of Weinstein, said the bankruptcy case was the result of the bravery of women willing to stand up and have their voices heard.

"This case has a lot of meaning for a lot of people," attorney Debra Grassgreen said.

Grassgreen noted that the committee successfully fought for the preservation of the Weinstein Co.'s books and records and its electronic data, saying litigation claims may prove to be the most significant recovery for Weinstein's alleged victims.

Grassgreen also noted that although Lantern cannot be held liable for any pre-bankruptcy actions by Weinstein Co. employees, any current or former employees of the company won't be able to escape potential liability by becoming affiliated with Lantern.

"They're not getting cleansed by that," she said.

Harvey Weinstein, who has been accused of misconduct ranging from harassment to rape, has denied any allegations of nonconsensual sex.

Walrath on Tuesday granted a request by Weinstein's attorney to have the company provide copies of emails between him and various accusers related to 14 pending civil cases.

Scott Cousins said his client needs the materials to defend himself in criminal and civil cases.

Most excellent news: 'Bill and Ted' reuniting for sequel

CANNES, France (AP)—Party on dudes: Almost three decades later, "Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure" is getting a new sequel.

Keanu Reeves and Alex Winter will reprise their roles as Ted "Theodore" Logan and Bill S. Preston Esq. in a third "Bill & Ted" adventure and the first in 27 years. The project was announced Tuesday at the Cannes Film Festival, with MGM's Orion Pictures set to release the film, titled "Bill & Ted Face the Music," in the U.S.

The script is by original creators Chris Matheson and Ed Solomon. Dean Parisot will direct.

It will be the third installment in the franchise that began with 1989's "Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure" and followed up with 1991's "Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey."

On opening night, some break Cannes' selfie ban

CANNES, France (AP)—In its first trial, the Cannes Film Festival's ban on selfie-taking on the red carpet was adhered to by most, but not all, at Tuesday's opening night ceremony.

Some attendees were seen taking pictures with their cellphones on their way into the festival's opening-night premiere of Ashgar Farhadi's "Nobody Knows." Festival hosts were seen admonishing some guests who had their cameras out.

The festival has warned attendees that they could be denied entry to a premiere if they take personal photos on the red carpet. No one appeared to be turned away Tuesday.

Festival Director Thierry Fremaux has called selfie-taking "grotesque" and said they interrupt the elegance of the prestigious red carpet, lined by photographers. On Tuesday, Fremaux said people come to Cannes to see films "not to be seen."

Eurovision Song Contest picks 10 of this year's finalists

LISBON, Portugal (AP)—The first semifinal of the Eurovision Song Contest has sent 10 countries' performers to the Grand Final—and ended the dream of nine others.

Contestants from Austria, Estonia, Cyprus, Lithuania, Israel, Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Albania, Finland and Ireland were chosen Tuesday night to advance in the competition after votes by a professional jury and the general public.

Performers from Greece, Switzerland, Armenia, Croatia, Macedonia, Belarus, Belgium, Iceland and Azerbaijan went home.

The second semifinal involving 18 countries is Thursday. That will also send 10 contestants on to the Grand Final, which will feature 26 contestants on Saturday. Five other countries and host Portugal automatically qualified for the final.

In total, 43 countries are taking part in the hugely popular annual event, which is in its 63rd year.

Preschooler being breastfed is a concern for her father

DEAR ABBY: Our daughter turns 5 soon, and my wife still breastfeeds her to bed every night and wakes her a few times a night for more breastfeeding. This has had negative consequences on our marriage.

All my daughter's peers have been weaned and have been sleeping alone through the night for the last three years. Our daughter's mouth is filled with cavities, and my wife's breasts are no-touch zones sexually. My wife refuses even to consider stopping. Is it time for me to leave?

PERPLEXED DAD IN WISCONSIN

DEAR DAD: No, it's time for your daughter's pediatrician and her dentist to be informed about this because it may not be healthy for your child. Your wife appears to be fostering dependency instead of helping the girl to achieve independence. Your wife may think she has been doing the right thing, but if her own emotional needs are so great that she can't alter her parenting style, you may want to consult a licensed family therapist for guidance.

DEAR ABBY: Our 28-year-old daughter, the mother of two, is in the middle of a divorce from her husband of three years. The divorce is not yet final, but she's already involved with a new man. He is eight years older, jobless, has terminal cancer, lives with his father and is raising his 6-year-old daughter. This relationship seems wrong in so many ways, we cannot imagine how this could ever come to any good.

My daughter is intelligent. She has a promising management position with a big company. But she's not the kind to listen to any advice, and has never made good decisions when it comes to men. Any advice from you would be greatly appreciated.

UNSURE IN TEXAS

DEAR UNSURE: Because you love your daughter, be patient and supportive. There is no way to "save" a daughter who consistently makes poor choices about men and won't listen to advice. Some people have to learn life lessons the hard way. The sooner you accept it, the better your own life will be.

DEAR ABBY: My hubby and I are in our 50s and have been happily married for 26 years. We have no children. As we look ahead (hopefully many years) to the disposition of our assets once we've passed, we wonder, what do childless couples do with their formal wedding portraits? I'm positive that our siblings would not want or have room for such large photos, and the photographer is no longer in business. I hate to think mementos of such a treasured event in our lives will be tossed in the trash. Any ideas?

SUSIE IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR ABBY

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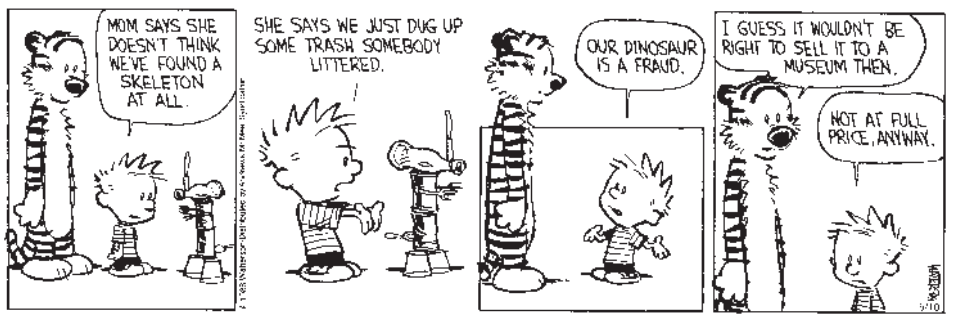
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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SHE SAYS WE JUST DUG UP SOME TRASH SOMEBODY LITTERED.
OUR DINOSAUR IS A FRAUD.
I GUESS IT WOULDN'T BE RIGHT TO SELL IT TO A MUSEUM THEN.
NOT AT FULL PRICE, ANYWAY.

Garfield®

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WHAT'S THE MATTER?
YOUR DAD HAS "FIXER UPPER" FEVER.
HE WATCHED TWO EPISODES AND HE THINKS HE'S A CONTRACTOR.
I'M SURE IT'S NOT THAT BAD.
LAURA? DO YOU THINK TREVOR HAS A BLOW-TORCH?
I'LL PACK A BAG.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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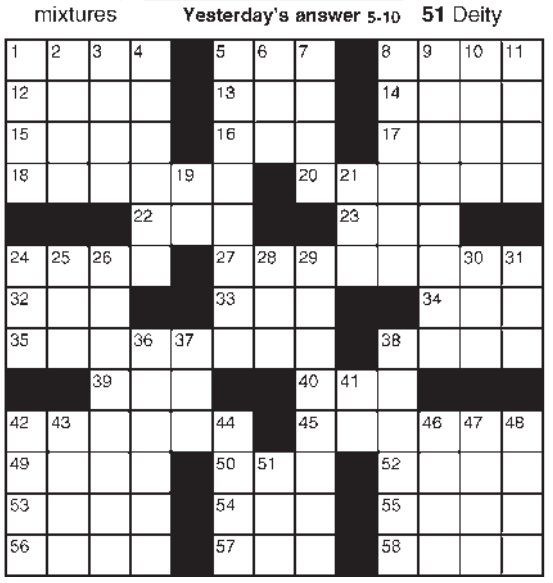

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Happy Birthday: How you help others will be a reflection of what's to come. The more accommodating you are, the easier it will be to ask for something in return. Your hard work will give you the reputation you need to secure an opportunity that comes your way. Avoid an unsavory situation that can influence your ability to follow your dream. Your numbers are 7, 15, 22, 27, 36, 38, 45.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* You'll be disillusioned by what someone does or the signals you think someone is sending you. Be careful how you handle a peer or someone you are doing business with to avoid damaging your reputation, status or position. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* You'll be taken advantage of if you aren't careful. An offer you receive will not be realistic. Take a practical approach when dealing with someone who tends to brag or makes promises that are too good to be true. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Clarity will be required when dealing with others. If something doesn't sound right, question the one offering the information. A personal problem will grow due to poor communication or emotional evasiveness. Don't settle for less than you deserve. ✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Embrace your dreams. Make the effort to do something you've always wanted to do. Use your imagination to incorporate something unique into your plans. Express your feelings and make your intentions clear. A partnership will enhance your life. ✪✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* You may want to make a change, but you are better off sitting tight for now. The less you spend or get involved in ventures that are costly or risky, the better. Someone will offer you false information to lead you astray. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* A serious attitude regarding educational pursuits, children or networking events will help you keep anyone trying to take advantage of you at a distance. Don't let a personal matter interfere with taking care of your responsibilities. Know when to say no. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Personal growth should be your goal. Make adjustments to a relationship that has left you feeling like you are heading in opposite directions. Listen, compromise and make amends so you can move forward in a positive manner. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Short trips, planning an adventure or taking on a new creative project will give you something to look forward to. A chance to form a partnership with someone you find unique and intriguing will inspire you to try harder. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Someone you thought you could trust will disappoint you. Discuss your concern and offer solutions you think are necessary if you want to move forward. Don't give in or neglect to be truthful about the way you feel. ✪✪

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 5/10

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Yesterday's Answer

1	6	7	4	8	3	5	9	2
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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

General Manager (1)

Classification: Full-Time, Exempt, 50 hours per week

Summary of Responsibilities
Prioritize, directs and coordinates the activities of the restaurant to continually strengthen its Brand position and maximize its sales and profitability.

Essential Accountabilities
- People:
  - Achieves management staffing and development goals to plan
  - Has active succession plan in place for all positions
  - Improves employee morale through monitoring and showing urgency in caring for employees.
  - Improves staff performance through frequent personal and team coaching
  - Reduces incidences and claims by making safety everyone's top priority
  - Ensures compliance with all applicable laws
- Financials:
  - Achieves sales and profit targets to plan
  - Corrects daily financial deficiencies with urgency.
  - Drives year-over-year growth in sales and profit
- Operations:
  - Delivers/improves delivery of QSC to franchise operational standards
  - Raises the bar in operational execution
- Assets:
  - Corrects all asset deficiencies with urgency
  - Eliminates any potential for liability with urgency
- Availability
  - Open availability.
  - Minimum 5 day, 50 hour work week.
  - Vehicle required.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Required Skills
- Analytical: Able to analyze reports and correct deficient areas efficiently.
- Problem Solving: Able to implement TOSIDPAR problem solving techniques to achieve desired results.
- Organization & Planning: Able to organize priorities and develop/execute plans achieving desired results.
- Coaching: Able to develop the skills of subordinates to perform at a higher level
- Team Building: Able to stabilize staffing and build team bench.

Education/Experience
High school diploma preferred and one year restaurant supervisory experience required.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Requires standing and walking for the entire workday.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

Assistant General Manager (2)

Classification: Full-Time, Non-Exempt, 40-45 hours per week

Summary of Responsibilities
The Assistant General Manager reports directly to the General Manager. The AGM assists the GM in the achievement of the people, financial and operational goals of the restaurant.

Essential Accountabilities
- People:
  - Assists GM in achieving restaurant's staffing and development goals
  - Assists GM in monitoring/ improving employee morale
  - Personally coaches staff
  - Ensures safety is everyone's top priority
  - Ensures compliance with all applicable laws
- Financial
  - Assists GM in achieving sales and profits to plan.
  - Displays urgency to correct daily financial control deficiencies
  - Strives to drive year-upon-year growth in sales and profits
- Operations
  - Delivers/ improves delivery of QSC to franchise operational standards
  - Raises the bar in operational execution
- Assets:
  - Ensures facilities are maintained to franchise standard on a daily basis
  - Displays awareness of asset deficiencies and urgency to correct them
  - Displays awareness and urgency to eliminate any potential for liability
- Availability
  - Open availability.
  - Minimum 5 day, 40 - 45 hour work week.
  - Vehicle required.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Education/Experience
High school diploma preferred and one year restaurant supervisory experience required.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Requires standing and walking for the entire workday.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

Shift Leader (2)

Classification: Full Time, Non-Exempt, 32-40 hours per week

Summary of Responsibilities
The Shift Leader reports directly to the General Manager. The SL assists the GM in the achievement of the restaurant's people, operational and financial goals.

Essential Accountabilities
- People
  - Assists GM in achieving restaurant's staffing and development goals
  - Assists GM in monitoring/improving employee morale
  - Personally coaches staff
  - Ensures safety is everyone's top priority
  - Ensures compliance to all applicable laws
- Financial
  - Assists GM in achieving sales and profits to plan
  - Displays urgency in correcting daily financial control deficiencies
- Operations
  - Delivers/improves delivery of QSC to franchise operational standards.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Education/Experience
High school diploma preferred and one year restaurant supervisory experience required.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Requires standing and walking for the entire workday.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

Dough Scaler & Mixer (2)

Classification: Full-Time, Non-Exempt, 32-40 hours per week, 6 days per week, 7am - 2pm

Summary of Responsibilities
Prepares the pizza dough every morning to use throughout the day.

Essential Functions
- Responsible fo dough preparedness as prescribed from manager In Charge
- Complies with all portioning, quality standards, rules, policies, and safety procedures
- Selects and transports raw items to work are and back. Stores finished products in proper places
- Selects proper equipment and utensils to prepare as procedure require – dough mixer, whips, pitcher, proofer, bun-o-matic, retarder and dough roller.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned

Abilities, Knowledge, and Skills
Must be able to work the opening shift. Able to understand and implement written and verbal instructions. Must possess basic math skills.

Education/Experience
High school diploma preferred and previous bakery experience required.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Position requires well-paced mobility for minimum periods minimum of four hours. Requires standing and walking for the entire workday. Must be able to bend and stoop occasionally. Must be able to occasionally lift 40 lbs. Must have sensory capabilities to select quality of sauce. Must have finger dexterity to use some utensil tools.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

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Stanton, Judge lead Yanks vs Red Sox for 16-1 stretch

AP

Boston Red Sox catcher Christian Vazquez (7) tags New York Yankees' Giancarlo Stanton out at the plate on a fielder's choice in the eighth inning of a baseball game in New York, Tuesday, May 8, 2018.

NEW YORK (AP) — As soon as Joe Kelly emerged from the bullpen, fired-up fans at Yankee Stadium let him have it.

Moments later, so did Aaron Judge.

Giancarlo Stanton homered twice, including a laser shot to left field, and Judge hit a tie-breaking single off New York's latest public enemy as the Yankees edged the rival Boston Red Sox 3-2 on Tuesday night for their 16th victory in 17 games.

"It's a lot of fun to play in these games, I'm not going to lie," rookie manager Aaron Boone said.

In the opener of a three-game showdown between baseball's top two teams, Luis Severino struck out 11 during a taut pitching duel with Red Sox lefty Drew Pomeranz.

Judge cut down a runner at second base with a pinpoint throw from right field, and the steamrolling Yankees—on their best 17-game run in 65 years—won their seventh straight to tie Boston for first place in the AL East at 25-10.

"We're right there where we need to be," Stanton said.

It was the first time the storied rivals squared off with the two best records in the majors since June 2, 2002, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. And after their bench-clearing brawl at Fenway Park last month, touched off when Kelly drilled Tyler Austin with a pitch, a revved-up crowd of 45,773 packed the big ballpark in the Bronx to see old foes go at it again.

"Actually, I thought it was going to be worse," Red Sox manager Alex Cora said. "It was a good baseball game. Like I've been telling you guys, this place is alive. I lived it last year during the playoffs (with Houston)."

There was no trouble on the field this time as New York won its 10th consecutive home game, its longest streak since July 2008 at the original Yankee Stadium.

"That's done. That's in the past. Our focus is about winning baseball games, not fighting," Yankees catcher Gary Sanchez said through a translator.

Tigers 7, Rangers 4

In Arlintong, Victor Martinez and Jeimer Candelario homered in the first inning and the Detroit Tigers held off the Texas Rangers, spoiling Adrian Beltre's three-hit game in his return from an injury.

Jose Iglesias connected on a two-run shot , his first of the season, for a 5-0 lead in the second against left-hander Mike Minor.

Beltre, MLB's active leader in hits, reached 3,078 with three singles after missing 12 games with a left hamstring strain.

Royals 15, Orioles 7

In Baltimore, Dylan Bundy set a dubious modern-day record, yielding four homers and leaving without getting an out, part of a 10-run first inning that propelled the Kansas City Royals past the hapless Baltimore Orioles.

Bundy (1-5) was lifted after allowing five hits and two walks to the only seven batters he faced. That was more than enough damage to send the Orioles to their season-high seventh straight defeat and 19th in 22 games.

Brewers 3, Indians 2

In Milwaukee, reliever Brent Suter homered off AL Cy Young Award winner Corey Kluber and threw 4 2/3 innings of two-run ball to lead the Milwaukee Brewers to a win over the Cleveland Indians.

Suter hit the first pitch thrown by Kluber in the third, a sinker, to center for the first homer of his professional career.

Cubs 4, Marlins 3

In Chicago, Kris Bryant slid home safely with the go-ahead run on Victor Caratini's grounder to the right side in the eighth inning, and the Chicago Cubs beat the Miami Marlins.

Caratini wound up with the winning RBI, a few innings after the Cubs catcher got into a heated situation at home plate with Miami's Derek Dietrich.

Twins 7, Cardinals 1

In St. Louis, Jake Odorizzi pitched five strong innings and Eduardo Escobar had a two-run home run as the Minnesota Twins won their season-high fifth straight game with a victory over the St. Louis Cardinals.

The win caps a two-game series sweep for the Twins, who have won 14 of their last 17 games against National League teams.

Phillies 4, Giants 2

In Philadelphia, Aaron Nola struck out a career-high 12 batters in seven stellar innings, Odubel Herrera had two hits to extend his career-best on-base streak to 37 games, and the Philadelphia Phillies beat the San Francisco Giants.

Aaron Altherr, Carlos Santana and Jorge Alfaro hit solo home runs for Philadelphia.

Reds 7, Mets 2

In Cincinnati, catcher Devin Mesoraco made the short walk between clubhouses shortly before the first pitch as New York dealt for help at its neediest position, and he watched the Mets lose to the Cincinnati Reds with Eugenio Suarez driving in four runs.

The Mets traded former ace Matt Harvey to the Reds—he'll join them in Los Angeles on Thursday for the start of a series against the Dodgers.

Braves 1, Rays 0

In St. Petersburg, Ronald Acuna Jr. hit the third home run of his sensational rookie season and the Atlanta Braves beat the Tampa Bay Rays.

Sean Newcomb (3-1) allowed two singles in six innings and has thrown 13 scoreless innings over his last two starts for the Braves. Atlanta ended a three-game skid and won its sixth consecutive road game, including three consecutive road shutouts.

Pirates 10, White Sox 6

In Chicago, Colin Moran hit a key two-run double, Jordy Mercer also had two RBI and the Pittsburgh Pirates cleaned up in interleague play once again, beating the lowly Chicago White Sox.

Corey Dickerson had four of Pittsburgh's 16 hits and also drove in two runs, atoning for an early fielding miscue and helping the Pirates improve to 3-5 on a nine-game trip. Starling Marte finished with three hits.

Rockies 4, Angels 2

In Denver, Jon Gray was staring at a big first-inning jam, but one good pitch got him out of it and kept the Colorado Rockies rolling.

Gray continued Colorado's strong stretch of starts with seven scoreless innings, and the Rockies beat the Los Angeles Angels for their sixth straight win.

Gray walked one and struck out eight to notch Colorado's ninth straight quality start, a franchise record. He shook off a 28-pitch first inning to hold the Angels' potent lineup to four hits.

US assures FIFA on travel discrimination fear

BRUSSELS (AP) — The Trump administration has guaranteed to FIFA there will be no discrimination around entry to the United States at a World Cup in 2026.

The North American bid has faced questions about the impact of attempts by U.S. President Donald Trump to implement a ban on travel to the U.S. by residents of six majority-Muslim countries.

An independent human rights report commissioned by the bid warned there could be "some potential discrimination in relation to travel restrictions for some citizens from certain states."

The report was submitted to FIFA in March as part of bidding requirements but the U.S has offered fresh assurances to world football's governing body around the bearing of immigration policies on the World Cup.

"All eligible athletes, officials and fans from all countries around the world would be able to enter the United States without discrimination," the U.S. government told FIFA in a letter last week.

The letter was to be cited in a speech in Brussels on Tuesday by Mexico Football Federation President Decio de Maria during an appearance with his U.S. and Canadian counterparts. The three countries are jointly bidding to take on Morocco in the June 13 vote by the FIFA Congress.

"Our three governments have provided the strong guarantees we need, including so that entry will be safe, reliable and convenient for every player and every fan," De Maria told the International Sports Press Association Congress.

"Just as it did for the 2028 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, the United States government has stated that it intends to issue visas, subject to U.S. law `without regard to race, skin color, ethnic, national or social origin, gender, language, religion.or sexual orientation," De Maria added.

Up to 207 nations will vote on the 2026 host and the North American bid's financial pitch against the Moroccan challenge.

Morocco has to spend $15.8 billion on construction projects to prepare the country for what would be its first World Cup, including $3 billion to build or renovate every stadium or training facility.

No significant additional infrastructure must be built in North American for the World Cup, while the bid now forecasts the tournament would generate a $14 billion in revenue for FIFA on produce a record profit of $11 billion. FIFA generated $5.7 billion in revenue in the four-year 2014 World Cup cycle.

"If the question on June 13 is which bid can deliver the most success to help sustain FIFA and programs like FIFA Forward help member associations achieve their highest potential ... we firmly believe that our United Bid is best positioned to deliver that success," U.S. Soccer Federation President Carlos Cordeiro said.

Paul brings Rockets to Western Conference finals

HOUSTON (AP)—Chris Paul didn't want to talk about his postseason failures, not after Houston's win Tuesday over Utah finally got him into the Western Conference finals.

"For us it was just ... they were in the way," Paul said. "So we were just trying to get another win."

His Rockets teammates saw it a little differently. They were eager to talk about Paul's dominant performance, including a playoff career-high 41 points, in a 112-102 victory in Game 5 that eliminated the Jazz.

"He went out there and took over the game," James Harden said. "(To have) an opportunity for him that he's never had before. He went to go get it. He put us all on his back and said listen: `I got us."

Paul made eight 3-pointers and had 10 assists and seven rebounds without a turnover. He's the first player in playoff history to have at least 40 points and 10 assists without a turnover since turnovers became an official statistic in 1977-78, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

"The performance that Chris put out there—if he didn't make it out this time, something's wrong," coach Mike D'Antoni said.

It will be Houston's second trip to the Western Conference finals in four years and the first ever for Paul. The point guard, who is in his 13th NBA season, has been panned for failing to get past the second round in his nine previous trips to the playoffs.

While he wouldn't talk about finally getting over the second-round hump, he had no problem discussing how much he's enjoying this season.

"It's just fun," he said. "It's not about the points or anything like that. It's about the process."

AP

Houston Rockets guard Chris Paul (3) shoots as Utah Jazz forward Derrick Favors defends during the first half in Game 5 of an NBA basketball second-round playoff series, Tuesday, May 8, 2018, in Houston.

Houston will meet the winner of the series between Golden State and New Orleans, which the Warriors lead 3-1.

Paul is a nine-time All-Star in his first season with Houston after an offseason trade from the Los Angeles Clippers. His previous career-best in the playoffs was 35 points, which he accomplished three times.

Star rookie Donovan Mitchell had 22 of his 24 points for Utah in the third quarter before leaving with about seven minutes left with an apparent left leg injury. The team didn't provide an update on his condition after the game, but he was wearing a walking boot on his left foot.

"Unhappy with the results, but happy with everybody as a whole," Mitchell said.

Houston returns to the conference finals for the first time since 2015. It's the second straight season the Jazz lost in this round after being swept by Golden State last season.

The top-seeded Rockets led by eight points after a 3-pointer by Paul with about six minutes left. The Jazz scored the next seven points, highlighted by a 3-pointer from Royce O'Neale, before Paul made eight quick points to push Houston's lead to 105-96 with about three minutes left.

Joe Ingles made a basket for Utah before Paul added another basket to make it 107-98. The crowd began chanting "CP3" repeatedly as Paul dribbled down the court on the next possession.

The Jazz were without Ricky Rubio and Dante Exum because of hamstring injuries. Rubio has missed the entire series with his injury, and Exum was injured in the third quarter of Game 5.

P.J. Tucker scored a playoff career-best 19 points, and Harden added 18 points on a night he was "under the weather," according to D'Antoni.

Mitchell's huge third quarter left the Jazz up by 3 to begin the fourth. Derrick Favors made a layup for Utah to start the final quarter before Paul and Tucker hit consecutive 3-pointers to put Houston back on top 81-80 with about 10 minutes left.

Warriors 113, Pelicans 104

In Oakland, Stephen Curry had 28 points, Kevin Durant scored 24 and the Golden State Warriors advanced to the Western Conference finals by dismantling Anthony Davis and the New Orleans Pelicans in Game 5.

Klay Thompson added 23 points for the Warriors, who with a 15th straight home playoff win tied Chicago for an NBA record. The Bulls did so from April 27, 1990, to May 21, 1991.

Davis had 34 points and 19 rebounds for a Pelicans team that overcame the loss of DeMarcus Cousins to a season-ending torn Achilles tendon three months ago to make this strong run. The Pelicans shaved the lead to seven points with two minutes left on a basket by Davis before Draymond Green's turnaround fadeaway moments later.

The Warriors advance to play the top-seeded Houston Rockets in what has long been an anticipated Western Conference finals matchup—with a Finals feel, perhaps—and one Golden State will start on the road Monday night. The teams didn't meet during the 2017 postseason, but the Warriors won a five-game series in the first round of the 2016 playoffs. Houston eliminated Utah in its Game 5 earlier Tuesday.

Curry, who returned for Game 2 after nearly six weeks out with a knee injury, knocked down an open 3-pointer midway through the third and raised his hands to get the crowd going, then made another less than two minutes later. He converted three free throws at the 6:25 mark following a hard foul by Jrue Holiday.

In the second quarter, Holiday shoved Curry hard into the basket, enraging the two-time MVP who let the officials know how upset he was by the push and no call.

Holiday contributed 27 points and 11 assists, but even with better shooting, New Orleans couldn't stay with deep, score-at-will Golden State.

The defending champions are serious about a repeat title, and took one step closer to that goal.

76ers hope to keep thwarting history in Game 5 vs Celtics

BOSTON (AP)—An improbable Eastern Conference finals rematch with the Cleveland Cavaliers is in reach for the Boston Celtics.

The only thing delaying it is one more victory against a Philadelphia 76ers team intent on not becoming the latest to join a dubious NBA club.

Toronto was swept by Cleveland on Monday to become the 130th consecutive team in NBA history to fail to overcome a 3-0 deficit. Philadelphia is one loss away from becoming No. 131.

Philadelphia-born rapper Meek Mill, who has been courtside for several Sixers games this series following his release from prison last month, is one of many hometown fans still hoping they can pull off the comeback.

"I represent the underdog season," Mill told The Associated Press on Tuesday. "We're the underdogs right now. We're in a (bad) position at 3-1, but I definitely believe we can make a comeback."

Philadelphia used its toughness, a little trash talk and 19 big points from T.J. McConnell in its 103-92 victory in Game 4 Monday to finally produce a glint of the basketball it displayed in easing past Miami in the first round.

Harnessing that energy will be paramount in Boston for Game 5 on Wednesday. The Celtics have yet to lose a game at home this postseason (6-0).

"Obviously, after 3-0, we (found) a way how to beat them," McConnell said. "We took the taste of how it feels on the court after losing. From 3-0, now it's 3-1 We need to play play-by-play."

Game 4 certainly felt the most like a throwback to the Celtics-76ers battles in the 1980s thanks to an increased level of chirpiness between players that produced some face-to-face moments and multiple technical fouls.

Boston's Al Horford, who has scored in double figures in each of the Celtics 11 games this postseason (with five double-doubles), said more aggression is expected from a team in the Sixers' predicament.

"We have to protect our home," Horford said. "We were able to steal one (in Game 3). They protected their home court (Monday). We have to go home and protect ours.

The Celtics are on the verge of a rematch with the Cavaliers in the conference finals. They struggled to match the 76ers physicality in Game 4 but return to the friendly confines of TD Garden with another chance to close out the series. Boston is unbeaten at home during these playoffs. In their two home victories over the Sixers, the Celtics have averaged 47 percent shooting from the field and hit 32 3-pointers.

K-Fisher rules Mahi Mahi Fishing Derby

With high winds and challenging swells, *K-Fisher* captain Tak Nakazato had his work cut out for him from the start of the 14th Annual Mahi Mahi Fishing Derby held last April 21.

At 6am, Nakazato's boat and 31 others headed out of the Smiling Cove Marina to compete for the biggest mahi mahi catch of the day. The hard work paid off at around 2pm, as Nakazato and the crew of the *K-Fisher* hooked up a hungry 23-lb bull mahi mahi to win first place in the annual tournament.

"It was definitely fun, but a hard fought derby. It was rough and choppy all day for us." *K-Fisher* angler Peter Sablan said.

"Thank you to the SFA team for putting together a very nice mahi derby," Sablan added.

It was the second mahi derby Sablan and his fellow anglers had competed in, but first for the *K-Fisher*. Joining Nakazato and Sablan on the winning team were Elmer Ocampo, Joe Torres and Jess Ombid.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

From left, *K-Fisher* captain Tak Nakazato and anglers Peter Sablan, Elmer Ocampo, Joe Torres, and Jess Ombid pose with their winning catch in last month's 14th Annual Mahi Mahi Fishing Derby.

In other results, *Team 10-7* placed second after reeling in a 21.25-lb mahi mahi. The team is captained by Alvin Iglecias, while the anglers are Keith Torres, LeeJay Echalico, and John Jimeno. Captain Ton Flores and *Team Aquaholics* with anglers Jervy Babauta and Steve Pangelinan brought in a 20.8 lb to rank third.

Meanwhile, Saipan Fishermen's Association president Gene Weaver was relieved that the tournament finally pushed through. The event was originally scheduled early last month.

"We are grateful that the weather finally cleared so that more than 30 boats and over a 100 fishermen could compete in the Marianas waters, Weaver said. "Next on the calendar is the 34th annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament in July."

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Saipan Fishermen's Association president Gene Weaver, right, joins runner-up *Team 10-7* and its captain and anglers for a group photo during the awards presentation.

SFA and Weaver also thanked the following supporters of the competition: Marianas Visitors Authority, NPS, Division of Fish and Wildlife, SNILD, MARPAC, Docomo Pacific, and Fishing Tackle. ***(PR)***

Johnson hanging on to No. 1 by a thread

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP)—The No. 1 ranking that Dustin Johnson has held for the last 15 months has never been more in jeopardy.

Four players behind him— Justin Thomas, Jon Rahm, Jordan Spieth and Justin Rose—have a mathematical chance this week at The Players Championship to replace Johnson atop the world ranking.

Spieth didn't even know it.

"Am I one of them?" he asked Tuesday. "Sweet."

He didn't know because he didn't particularly care. He reached No. 1 for the first time with his runner-up finish in the 2015 PGA Championship, and he returned to the top on three more occasions for a total of 26 weeks.

Spieth cares more about winning The Players Championship than any ramifications.

"It was never a goal of mine to hold it a certain length of time," Spieth said. "It's almost like a feat, like winning a major. But now it's more like ... if I remained No. 2 and won majors, and was No. 1 for a long time and won six, I'd take the first one."

Spieth represents one of many oddities about this tournament. The Stadium Course at the TPC Sawgrass can be feast or famine for just about anyone. Tiger Woods, the only player to win the tournament in March and May, also has had eight finishes outside the top 20. He has only five top 10s in his 16 appearances. Remember that dynamic finish from Rickie Fowler when he won in 2015? He has missed the cut in four of his eight starts.

Spieth, meanwhile, played for the first time in 2014 and didn't make a bogey until the 59th hole of the tournament. He tied for fourth that year. His next three trips all ended on Friday.

"I don't have a great history the last few years here," Spieth said. "But I also have played the course really well before and had a chance to win."

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Kwon had a game-high 20 points, while Deleon Guerrero chipped in 11.

The Saints' 1-2 punch scored the team's last 5 points in the third period, turning a 24-32 halftime deficit to a 46-44 lead, going into the fourth quarter. The Saints then hung on to the driver's seat in the fourth to post their second win this season.

First Game

Saints 60 — Kwon 20, S. Deleon Guerrero 11, Reyes 8, Brennan 6, Palacios 4, J. Deleon Guerrero 4, Ada 4, Diaz 3.

Ol'Aces Extra 55 — Je. Santos 13, L. Rangamar 12, Jo. Santos 5, Rogolifoi 4, Berline 4, Moses 4, Ogumoro 4, E. Rangamar 4.

Scoring by quarters: 12-23, 24-32, 46-44, 60-55.

Second Game

Ol'Aces 101 — Deleon Guerrero 20, Santos 16, Aiferson 15, Rabauliman 15, Basa 11, Schmidt 7, Siech 6, Blake 6, Sablan 4.

670 Sonics 71 — M. Duenas 32, Rafols 11, Ngeskebei 10, Fidelino 5, E. Duenas 5, Rabasto 4, Ordona 2.

Scoring by quarters: 20-11, 56-25, 85-50, 101-71.

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(8:45.31). In the girls race, Agape had a 1-2 finish with Barbara Wang coming in at first after timing in at 7:35.51 and Angeline Quan checking in at 8:17.80. SIS' Phoenix Gross completed the podium finish after logging 9:39.21.

In the boys U11, WSR won the gold and bronze medals, thanks to Zhi Lin and Imtiaz Nadim, who finished the middle distance race in 6:29.37 and 7:12.86, respectively. KES' Kobe Imperial was the silver medalist after registering 6:51.23. In the girls contest, Eucon International School got its first medal when Kaithlyn Andrei Chavez defeated five other runners after posting 6:13.28. Brilliant Star School's Savita Sikkel (6:25.10) and KES' Megan Elayda (7:23.72) settled for the silver and bronze medals, respectively.

Twin wins for MHS

In the high school division, Marianas High School earned two first place finishes.

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Students in the U7 age group race in the 60m sprint during the opening of the 2018 Public School System/McDonald's All Schools Track and Field Championships yesterday at the Oleai Sports Complex oval.

Ken Song gave the Dolphins its first gold in the division after besting six other runners in the boys U15's 1,500m run. Song timed in at 5:10.12 and was joined in the podium by SIS' Kuu Nishimura (5:17.77) and Hopwood's Shakid Shakib (5:23.34).

MHS won its second gold medal in the same event in the girls U18 after Therize Millare (5:30.36) edged SIS' Tania Tan (5:33.91) and Anika Snyder (5:43.33). Five other runners raced in the finals.

In the boys U18, Tinian's Tyler Santos was the top finisher and the only runner to break the five-minute barrier with his 4:55. Agape's Peter Wang (5:03.14) and Jonathon Xiong (5:04.63) rounded out the Top 3.

In the girls U15, it was an all-Agape show with Elizabeth Xu (7:09.16) earning the gold and Vivian Wu (7:11.23) and Wendy Tang (8:08.59) bringing home the silver and bronze medals.

Meanwhile, the softball and javelin throws and 60m run were the other events set for Day 1 of the All Schools meet and results were unavailable at press time.

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Division A.

The winning squad gained enough cushion in the first half to withstand Kanoa's rally. The Teen Ayuus scored three goals in the opening 45 minutes of play—two came from Rintaro Miyawaki and one from Joshua Waldo.

After being silent in the entire first half, Jether Yobech put Kanoa on the board in the 47th minute, while Ian Maniago handed the team its second goal four minutes later.

Paire 3, Winners & Pacific 0

Paire also recorded its third win this season after prevailing against Winners & Pacific in the curtain-raiser.

Paire was awarded the victory via forfeiture, as Winners & Pacific did not have enough players to continue the game after Junsik Kim got injured in the 38th minute. Before a bad break caught up with Winners & Pacific, Paire was clinging to a 1-0 lead in the match, as Yogesh Singh earlier scored in the eighth minute.

DIVISION B
KFAS 17, PIC 0

KFAS showed no mercy to Pacific Islands Club Saipan to move up to a perfect 9-0-0 mark.

Oliver Lee led KFAS' demolition of PIC after firing seven goals, while Juan Oh added five in the game played at the Koblerville Elementary School Field.

KFAS, which is already assured of one of the two outright semis berths in the division, is way ahead of Matansa (6-1-2), Shirley's (4-0-5), Sun Palace (3-1-5), CNMI Women's U16 National Team (3-1-5), and PIC (0-1-8). The Top 2 teams after the regular season will advance to the semis, while the bottom four will fight for the two remaining Final Four berths.

Shirley's 1, Sun Palace 0

Shirley's bagged its third win in a row after edging Sun Palace in the final game in the division last weekend.

Jun Liu registered the lone goal in the match in the 28th minute to stretch Shirley's streak, which started last April 22 when it defeated PIC, 5-3. Shirley's then topped the U16 WNT, 5-1, last April 29, while the former's other victory this season was also versus PIC, 4-0 (March 11).

Matansa 8, U16 WNT 0

Matansa took win No. 6 after blanking the U16 WNT in the first match in the division.

Amzad Khan towed Matansa to the easy win after making a hat trick. He scored back-to-back with his goals in the 32nd and 33rd minute, while his third came in the 50th. Kamrul Kamrul chipped in two goals, while Romel Mendoza, Kawsar Hamid, and Young Ha Hwang contributed one each.

Kanoa vs Shirley's in Girls U16 Finals

PHOTOS By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Kanoa Football Club players and their supporters celebrate after beating Shirley's FC, 2-1, during their title showdown in the girls U16 division of the 2018 NMIFA Spring Youth League last month at the Francisco M. Sablan Middle School Field.

Shirley's FC's Katrina Costales, second left, is surrounded by Kanoa defenders.

Shirley's FC's Jerlyn Castillo, right, tries to control the ball.

Kanoa goalkeeper Theresa Toves, right, steps in to pick up the ball.

Kanoa's Khristelle Itaas, right, and Shirley's FC's Katrina Costales battle for possession.

Kanoa's Shairmaine Francisco, right, moves in closer on defense against Shirley's FC's Lily Podziewski.

Shirley's FC's Lily Podziewski, left, kicks the ball.

Shirley's FC's Therize Millare attacks during the first half of play.

Stanton, Judge lead Yanks vs Red Sox for 16-1 stretch

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Koblerville, SIS runners triumph

Contrasting victories for Saints, Ol'Aces

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Three Saints defenders swarm Ol'Aces Extra's Nak Nakashima during the first quarter of their game in the MIBF island-wide caging last Monday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gynmnasium.

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The Saints and Ol'Aces prevailed in the pair of matches in the men's division of the 2018 MIBF Island-wide Basketball League last Monday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

In the curtain-raiser, the Saints pulled off a 60-55 win over the Ol'Aces Extra, while in the second game, the Ol'Aces walloped the 670 Sonics, 101-71.

The Ol'Aces won the battle of undefeated teams after pulling away in the second quarter, which started with the 670 Sonics facing only a 9-point deficit, 11-20. Marvin Rabauliman led the Ol'Aces' second-period surge, dropping 13 of his 15 points to hand their team a commanding 56-25 advantage, as the former CNMI National Team member nearly matched the entire output of their opponent in that canto.

Coby Santos also scored in twin digits in the second frame, making 11 to lift the Ol'Aces to a 31-point halftime edge.

The 670 Sonics never recovered from thereon, as only Matt Dueñas hit baskets in streak for the losing squad. Dueñas led all scorers with his 32 markers, while only two of his teammates posted double figures and their baskets came when the Ol'Aces were in full control of the match.

The Ol'Aces had six players recording twin digits in scoring with Jeff Deleon Guerrero pacing the team with his 20 points. Three other Ol'Aces players combined for 19 more markers for the squad's balance offense.

Meanwhile, in the first game, the Saints played better in the second half to steal the win from the Ol'Aces Extra.

The Saints leaned on young guns Dixon Kwon and Shane Deleon Guerrero to fight back in the final half of the match.

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Boys U18 runners compete in the 1,500m race in the 2018 Public School System/McDonald's All Schools Track and Field Championships yesterday at the Oleai Sports Complex oval.

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Koblerville Elementary School drew first blood in the 1,500m run, while a Saipan International School runner won the first medal in the same event in the middle school division, as the 2018 Public School System/McDonald's All Schools Track and Field Championships kicked off yesterday at the Oleai Sports Complex oval.

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Koblerville's Abraham Saralu clocked in at 8:14.46 in the first race of the four-day competition to beat four other participants in the boys U7 finals. Jephda Hong checked in at 8:16.76 to give KES a 1-2 finish, while Agape Christian School's Reyviel Escarlan rounded out the Top 3 after posting 8:19.23.

In the boys U13 division, SIS' Rintaro Miyawaki finished ahead of the pack after clocking in at 4:59.61. He was the lone runner in his field to complete the race under the five-minute mark, as runner-up A.J. Ruben of Hopwood Middle School submitted 5:54.34 and third placer Caleb Dai of Agape registered 5:45.50.

In the girls U13, Hopwood's Coume Kaga recorded 6:22.77 to prevail against two Agape runners—Jenny Lin (7:06.22) and Elvira Zhang (8:29.51).

In other results, SIS and Agape split the top honors in the U9 division. David Ye handed the Geckos a gold medal when he ruled the boys race after posting 6:37.25 and downing Agape's Joe Lin (7:42.60) and KES' Wen Long

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Division leaders win; Shirley's nips Sun Palace

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Pacesetters MP United and Korean Football Association on Saipan extended their winning run, while Shirley's Football Club is also on roll in the 2018 Spring M-League.

MP United notched its eighth victory in as many games after beating Okadaya, 4-1, in the final game in Division A at the Hopwood Middle School Field last Sunday. Four different players scored for MP United with Michiteru Mita giving their team a 1-0 halftime lead after finding the back of the net in the 42nd minute.

Okadaya then managed to equalize in the 50th minute off Yoshi Mafnas' shot before Sunjoon Tenorio put MP United on top anew in the 68th, while Joshua Abragan and Raymond Mercado delivered the two other goals for the winning squad in the 75th and 86th, respectively.

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Shirley's Football Club's Jerry Tan, left, deflect a kick from a Sun Palace player during their Division B game in the 2018 Spring M-League last Sunday at the Koblerville Elementary School Field.

With another victory, MP United enjoys a two-win lead over TanHoldings, boosting the former's chances for the outright semis berth in the division. The top finisher after the elimination will automatically move into the Final Four, while the No. 2 to No. 7 teams will battle for the three remaining semis tickets.

Joining MP United and TanHoldings in the standings are the Teen Ayuyus (3-3-3), Paire (3-1-4), Okadaya (2-1-5), Winners & Pacific (0-2-5), and Kanoa (0-2-5).

Teen Ayuyus 3, Kanoa 2

The Teen Ayuyus nosed out Kanoa in the second game in

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